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GUNSMITH CATS BURST

Rally Vincent and Minnie-May Hopkins are two regular American girls. Regular American girls who own a gun shop and might have dabbled in prostitution, respectively. And who happen to be a crack shot and an explosives expert, respectively.

These might be odd skills for American girls, but these two happen to be Chicago's top bounty hunters. Rally can shoot the trigger off a gun from a good distance, and May generally wreaks havoc with explosions and cuteness. And together, with some very useful friends and associates, they make up the Gunsmith Cats.

Burst finds our ladies back at work, back in action, and . . . back in trouble. Now presented in the favored Japanese, right-to-left fomat, *Gunsmith Cats: Burst* aims to please.

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MAY RALLY VINCENT & MINNIE 3

RALLY VINCENT AND MINNIE-MAY

GUNSMITH CATS BURST

Rally and Minnie-May are two teen girls running a weapons shop in Chicago . . . but they have a side business as bounty hunters! Though their main task is to hunt down runaway criminals with bounty on their heads, they somehow always end up undertaking risky jobs and getting themselves into major messes!

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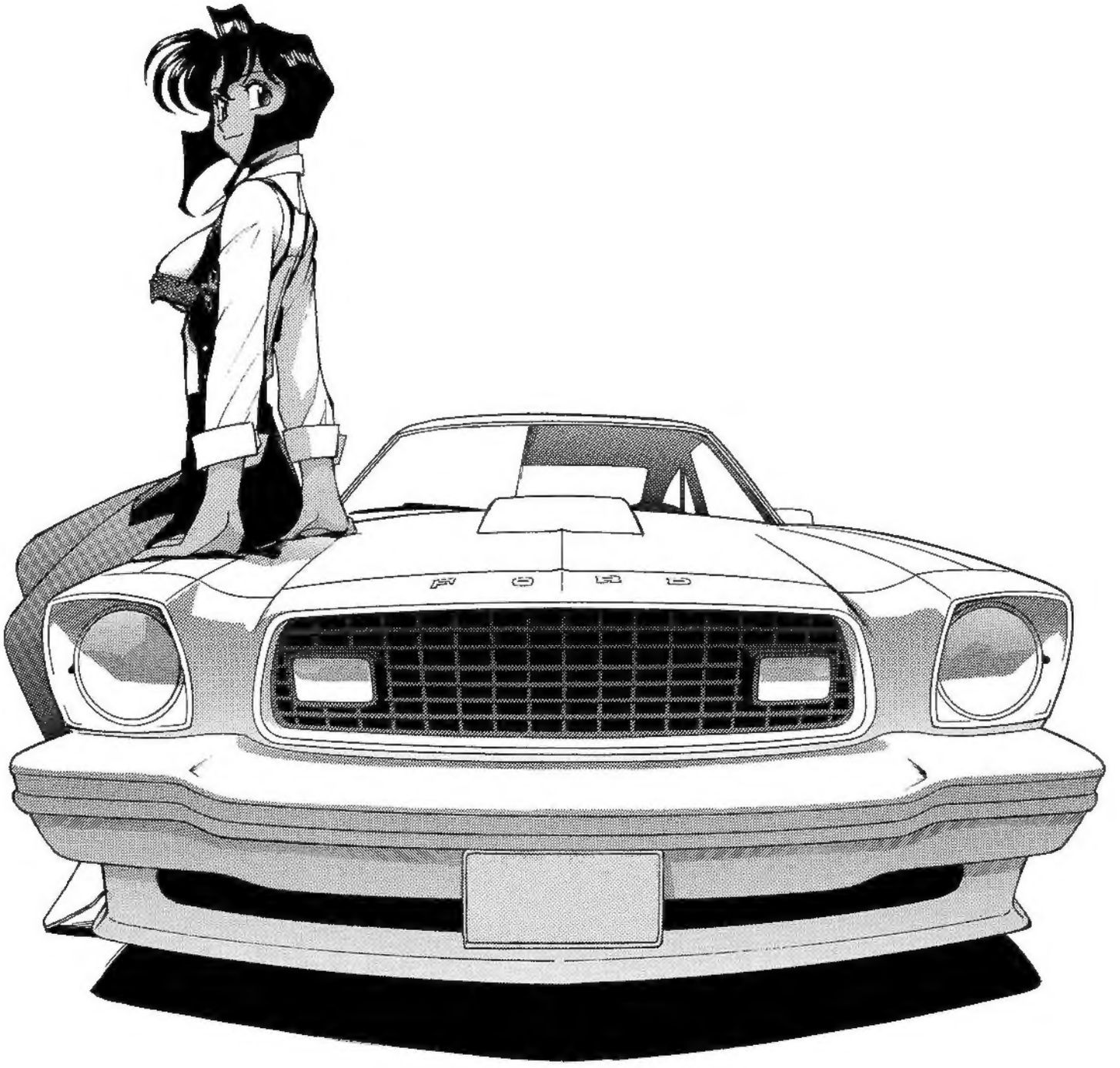
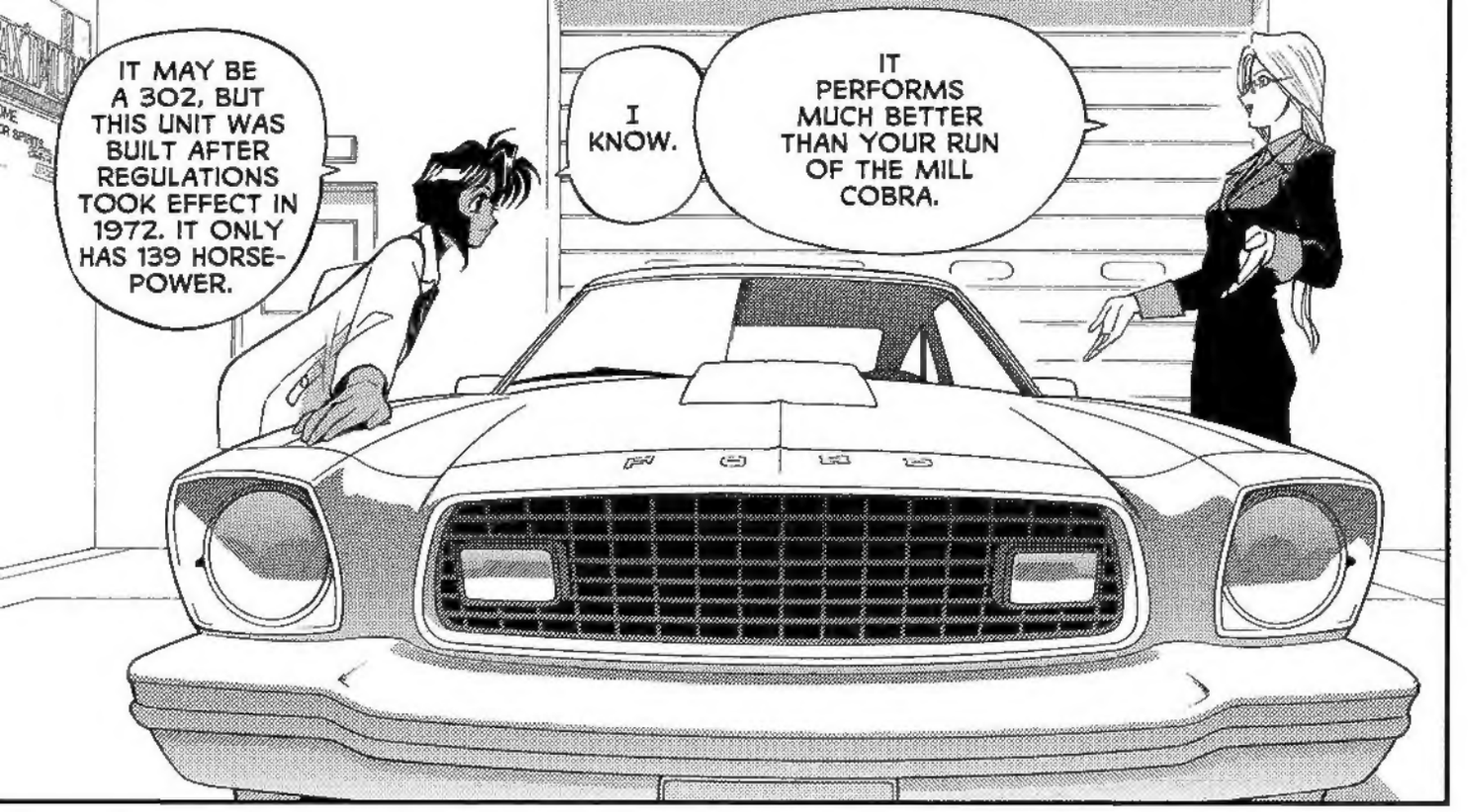
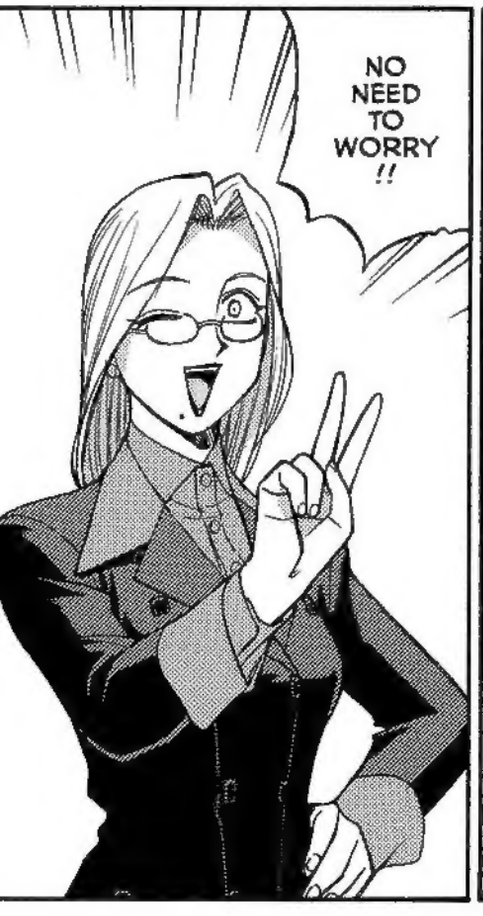
CHAPTER 17 KING COBRA



V8MAXIMUM
WELCOME
AMERICAN MOTOR SPIRITS
IT SEEMS TO BE IN GREAT SHAPE.
A MUSTANG COBRA II, HUH?
F O R D
I LIKE THE LOOK AND ITS COMPACT-NESS, BUT...
NOTE THE POWER BULGE* AND THE SPOILER.
THE MARK ON THE HOOD MAY HAVE BEEN COVERED BY PAINT, BUT THIS IS A KING COBRA.

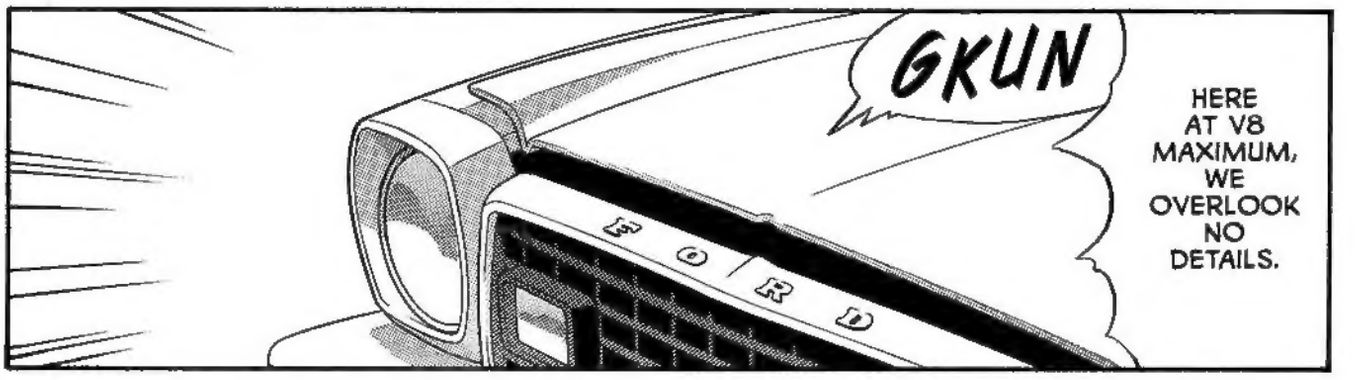
*PART OF THE HOOD THAT JUTS OUT TO ACCOMMODATE THE LARGER ENGINE AND OTHER PARTS.

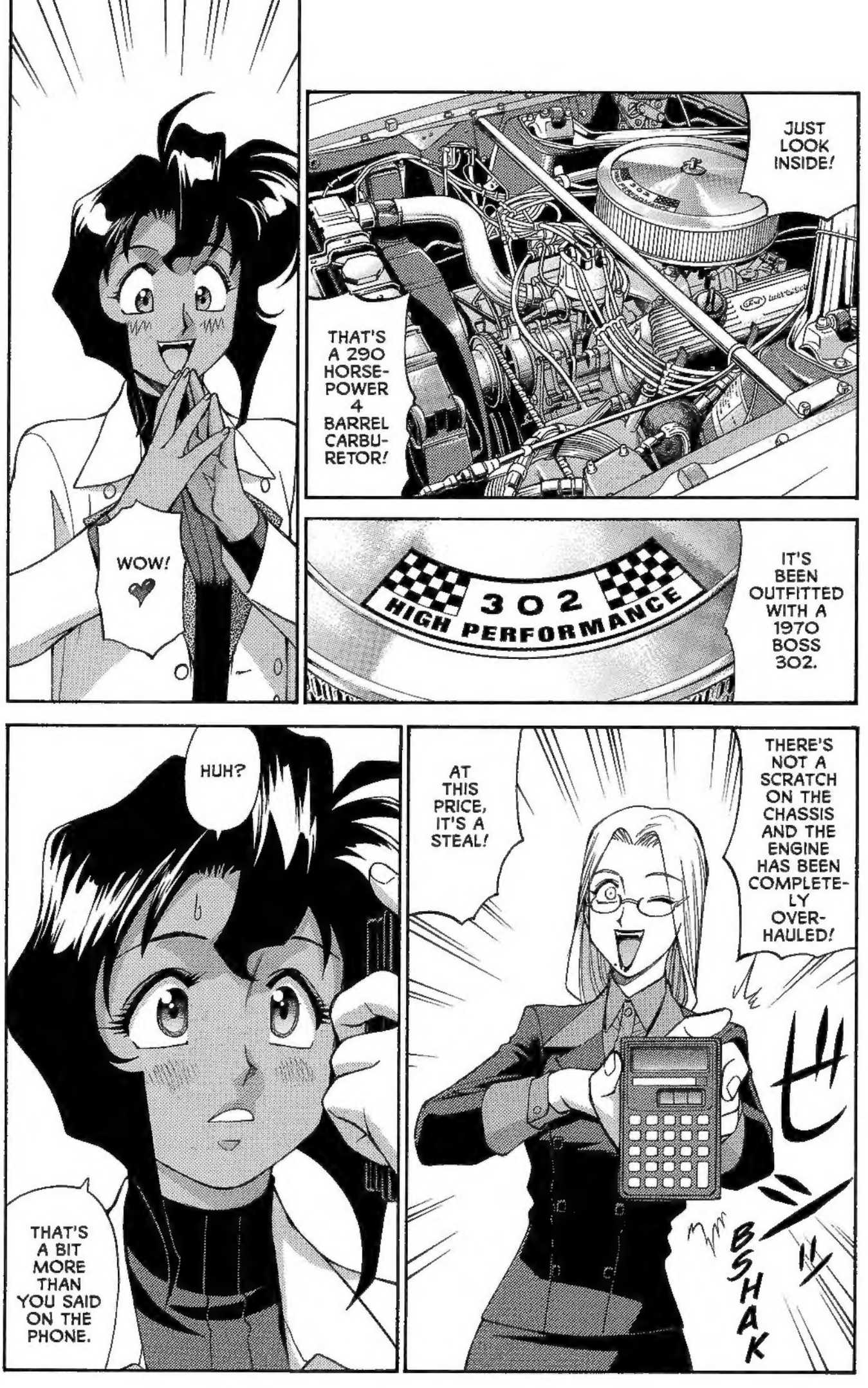

IT MAY BE A 302, BUT THIS UNIT WAS BUILT AFTER REGULATIONS TOOK EFFECT IN 1972. IT ONLY HAS 139 HORSE-POWER.
I KNOW.
IT PERFORMS MUCH BETTER THAN YOUR RUN OF THE MILL COBRA.


NO NEED TO WORRY !!

I'M PRETTY SURE I SAID I WANTED A SHELBY OR SOMETHING WITH A BOSS UNIT IN IT.

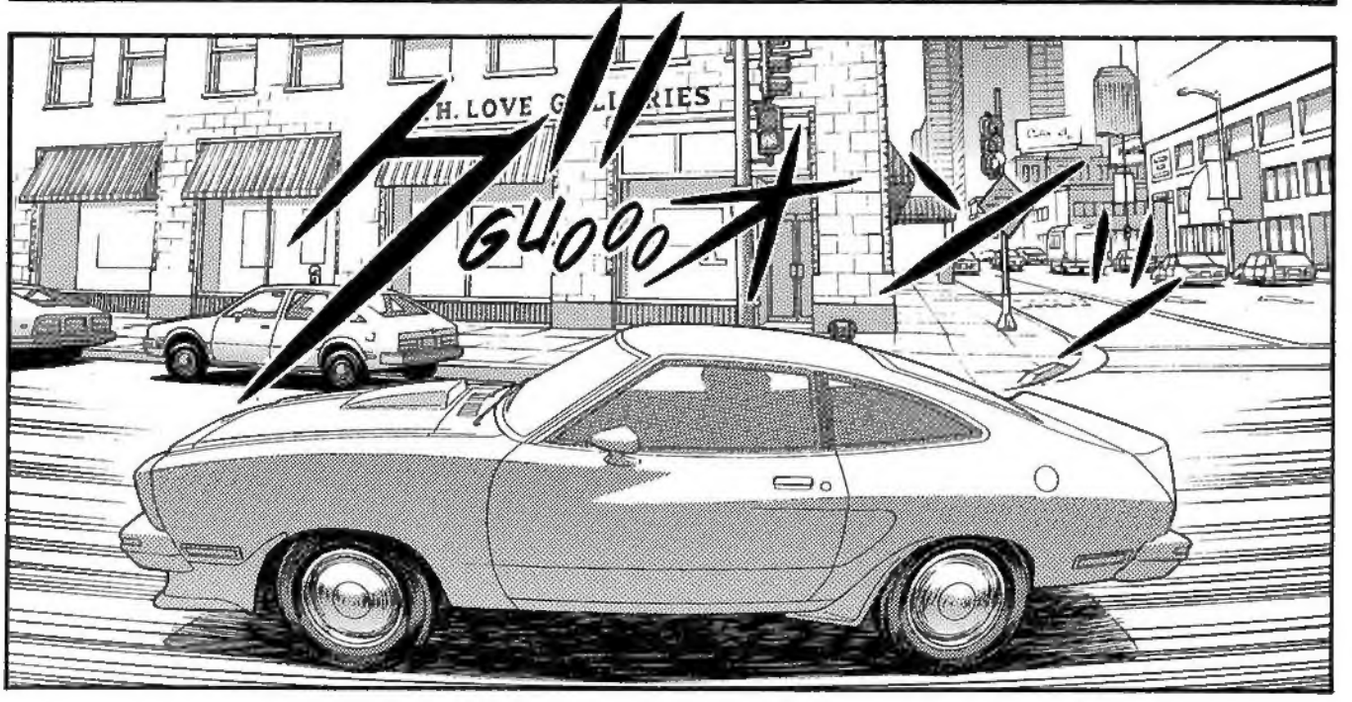
IT'S NOT NEARLY AS GOOD AS A SHELBY.
COBRA WAS JUST A NAME.


GKUN
FORD
HERE AT V8 MAXIMUM, WE OVERLOOK NO DETAILS.


WOW!
JUST LOOK INSIDE!
THAT'S A 290 HORSE-POWER 4 BARREL CARBU-RETOR!
302
HIGH PERFORMANCE
IT'S BEEN OUTFITTED WITH A 1970 BOSS 302.
HUH?
THAT'S A BIT MORE THAN YOU SAID ON THE PHONE.
AT THIS PRICE, IT'S A STEAL!
THERE'S NOT A SCRATCH ON THE CHASSIS AND THE ENGINE HAS BEEN COMPLETE-LY OVER-HAULED!
BSHAK

BUT I COULD GET A GT350 FOR THAT PRICE.
AFTER YOUR CALL WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF PARTIES SHOW INTEREST.
ALSO, IN ORDER TO SELL THE HIGHEST QUALITY PRODUCT, WE'VE UPGRADED THE WIRING AND PUT IN A FULL SOUND SYSTEM.
BE MY GUEST AND THINK ABOUT IT, BUT BE AWARE THAT WE AREN'T AT A LOSS FOR BUYERS.
WE CAN TAKE IT FOR A SPIN IF YOU LIKE.
OR IT COULD BE OUT OF TOWN AND YOU RISK BUYING IT SIGHT UNSEEN.
IT'S RARE FOR ONE TO HIT THE MARKET IN GOOD SHAPE.
I'D LIKE TO TAKE THAT TEST DRIVE.
GOOD IDEA.
YOU GOT IT!

ZUFO
BUOO
GA RO RO RO RO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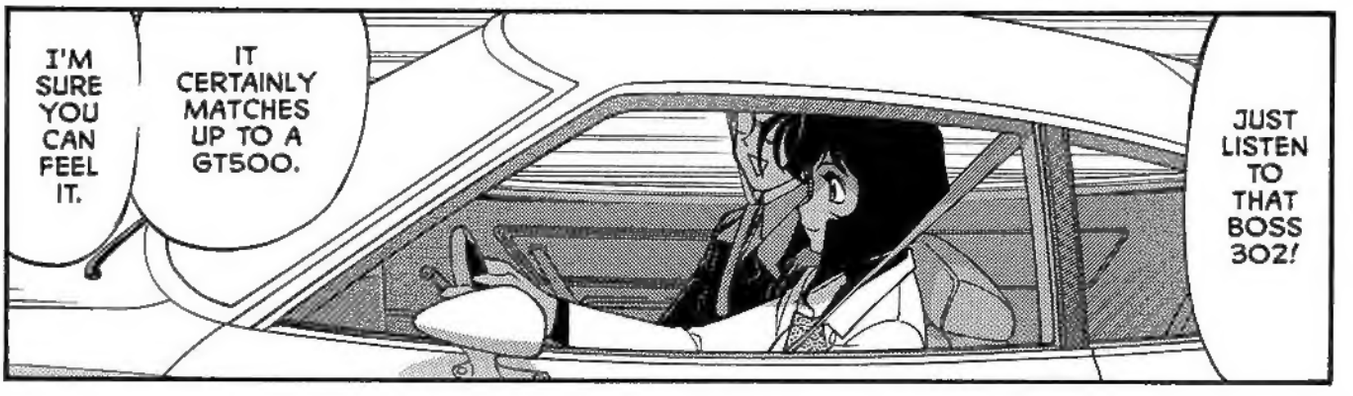
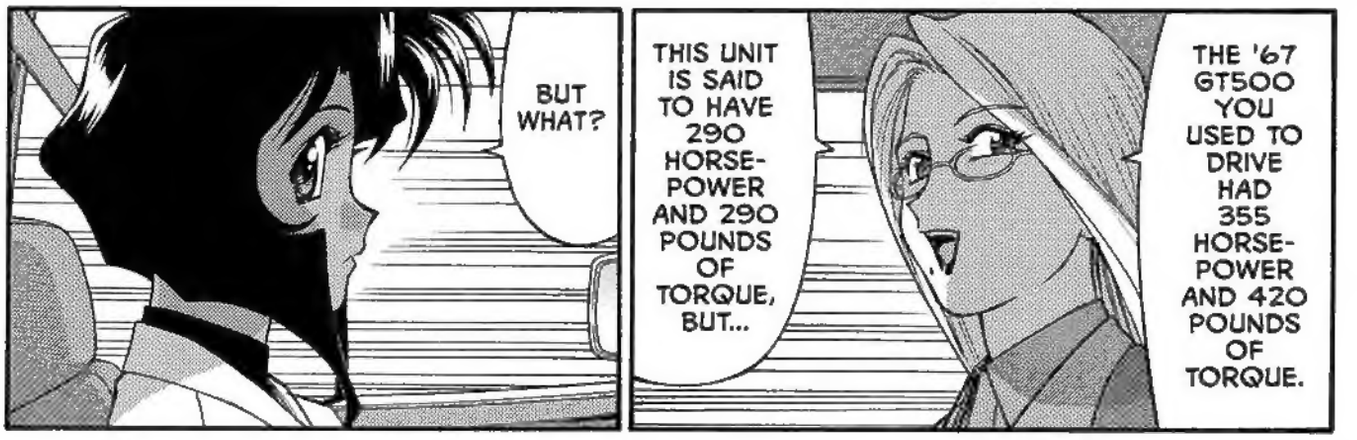
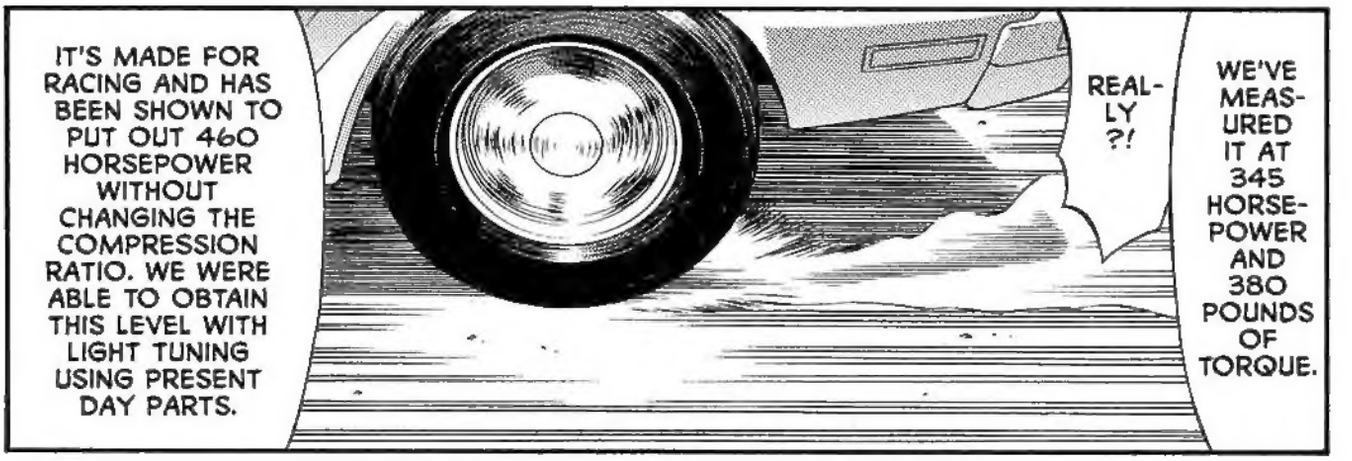
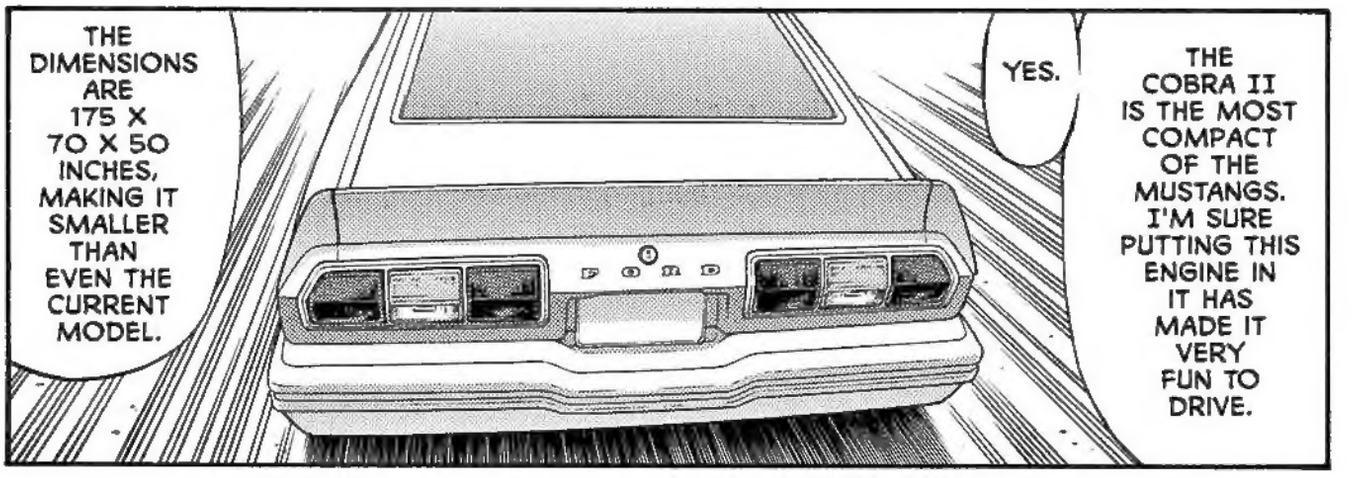
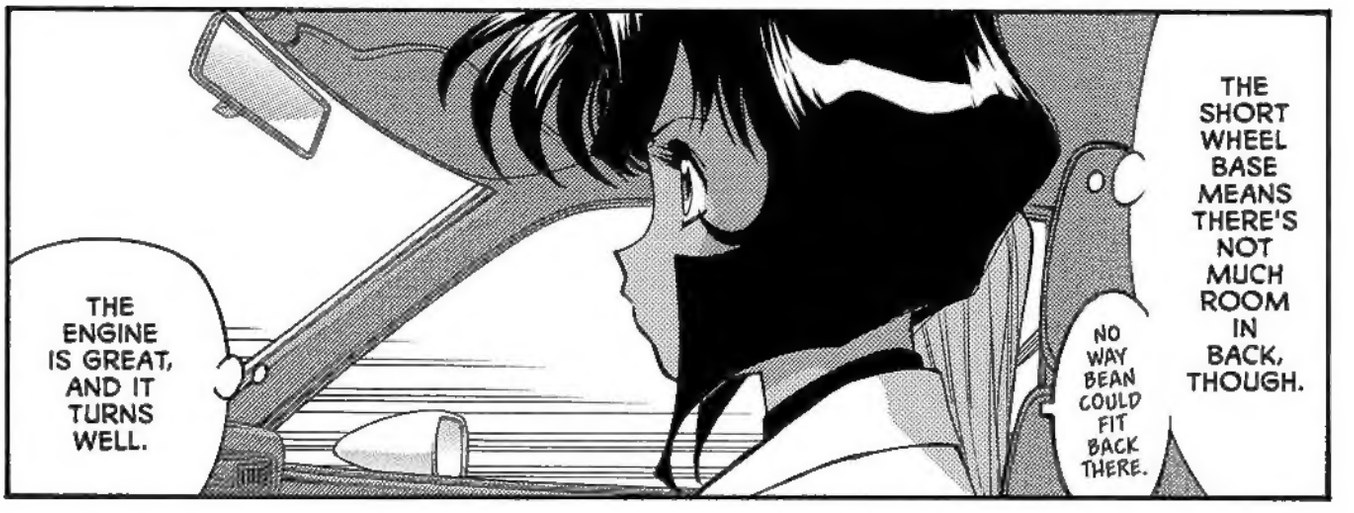
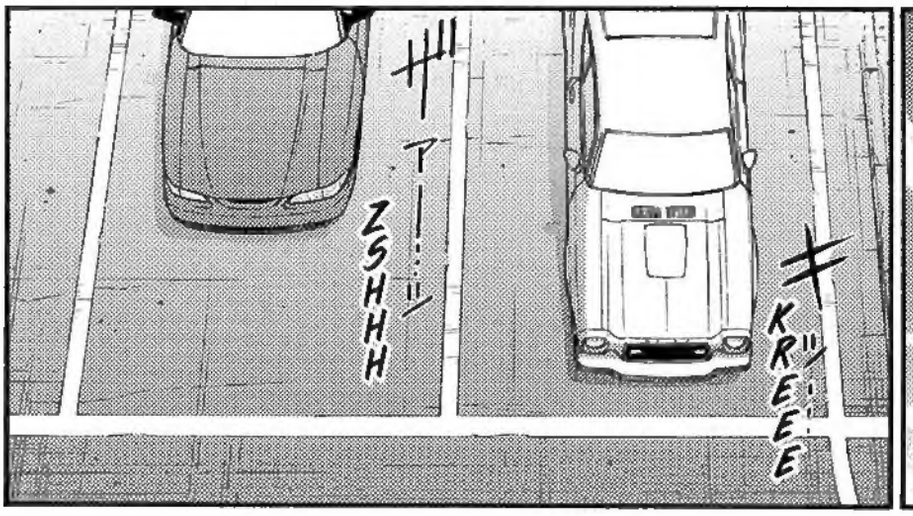

I'M SURE YOU CAN FEEL IT.
IT CERTAINLY MATCHES UP TO A GT500.
JUST LISTEN TO THAT BOSS 302!

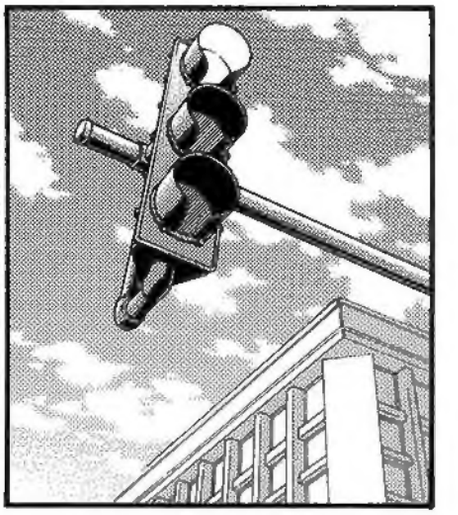

BUT WHAT?
THIS UNIT IS SAID TO HAVE 290 HORSE-POWER AND 290 POUNDS OF TORQUE, BUT...
THE '67 GT500 YOU USED TO DRIVE HAD 355 HORSE-POWER AND 420 POUNDS OF TORQUE.


IT'S MADE FOR RACING AND HAS BEEN SHOWN TO PUT OUT 460 HORSEPOWER WITHOUT CHANGING THE COMPRESSION RATIO. WE WERE ABLE TO OBTAIN THIS LEVEL WITH LIGHT TUNING USING PRESENT DAY PARTS.
REAL-LY ?!
WE'VE MEAS-URED IT AT 345 HORSE-POWER AND 380 POUNDS OF TORQUE.


THE DIMENSIONS ARE 175 X 70 X 50 INCHES, MAKING IT SMALLER THAN EVEN THE CURRENT MODEL.
YES.
THE COBRA II IS THE MOST COMPACT OF THE MUSTANGS. I'M SURE PUTTING THIS ENGINE IN IT HAS MADE IT VERY FUN TO DRIVE.


THE ENGINE IS GREAT, AND IT TURNS WELL.
NO WAY BEAN COULD FIT BACK THERE.
THE SHORT WHEEL BASE MEANS THERE'S NOT MUCH ROOM IN BACK, THOUGH.


ZSHHH
KREEE



IF IT'S IN THIS GOOD OF SHAPE
YES.
I THINK YOU HAVE A BETTER UNDER-STANDING OF JUST HOW GOOD THE CAR IS
SHALL WE GO BACK TO THE LOT?
OH LOOK. THE CURRENT MODEL.
215 HORSE-POWER...
A GT COUPE. ABOUT 302 CUBIC FEET.
RALLY?
...
...
...
...

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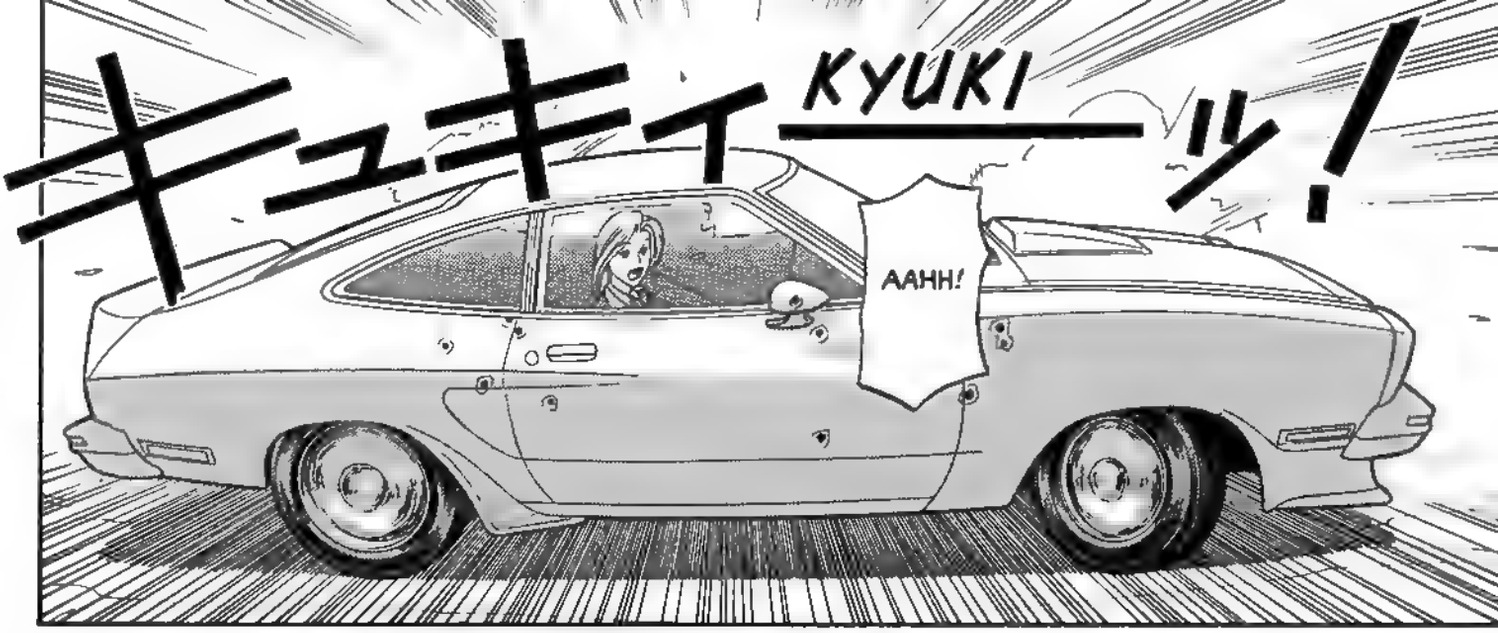
MISTY. WHAT'S THIS?
HUH? OH.
LIST OF THOSE WHO'VE SKIPPED OUT ON LOW BAIL.
DON'T TELL ME...
YEP.

IT'S THE DEBUT OF "BEAUTY" HUNTER MISTY BROWN.
I CAN PUT MY LOCK-PICKING SKILLS TO GOOD USE.
I'VE BEEN HELPING YOU OUT FOR A LONG TIME NOW.
I THOUGHT I COULD TAKE CARE OF SOME OF THESE PETTY CRIMINALS WITHOUT BOTHER-ING YOU.
OW.
SLAP
UNBELIEV-ABLE.
I KNOW.
YOU KNOW I DON'T ACT ALONE UNLESS I ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO!
THIS ISN'T A JOKE!

I WAS COUNTING ON HIS HELP WHEN I ESCAPED.
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE WAS CAUGHT BY A FEMALE BOUNTY HUNTER.
WHAT? MY BROTHER --?
THAT'S ONE UGLY FACE.
NO.143
SHE'S THE ONE WHO GOT HIM, LEAVING HIS WIFE TO CARE FOR THEIR CHILD ALONE.
RALLY VINCENT.
I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE POLICE AGAIN.
JUST LET IT BE.
HOW CAN YOU PUT UP WITH IT?

BAD
SHIT!
HUH?
MISS HARMAN! GET DOWN!
FWA
KCHIK

BANG
BANG
BUMP
WHAT THE --?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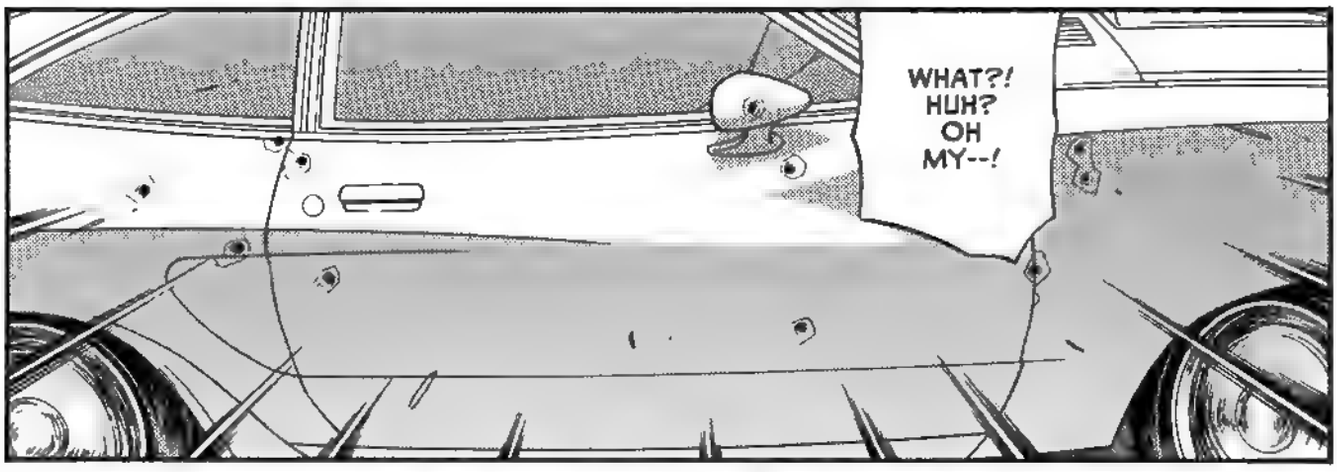
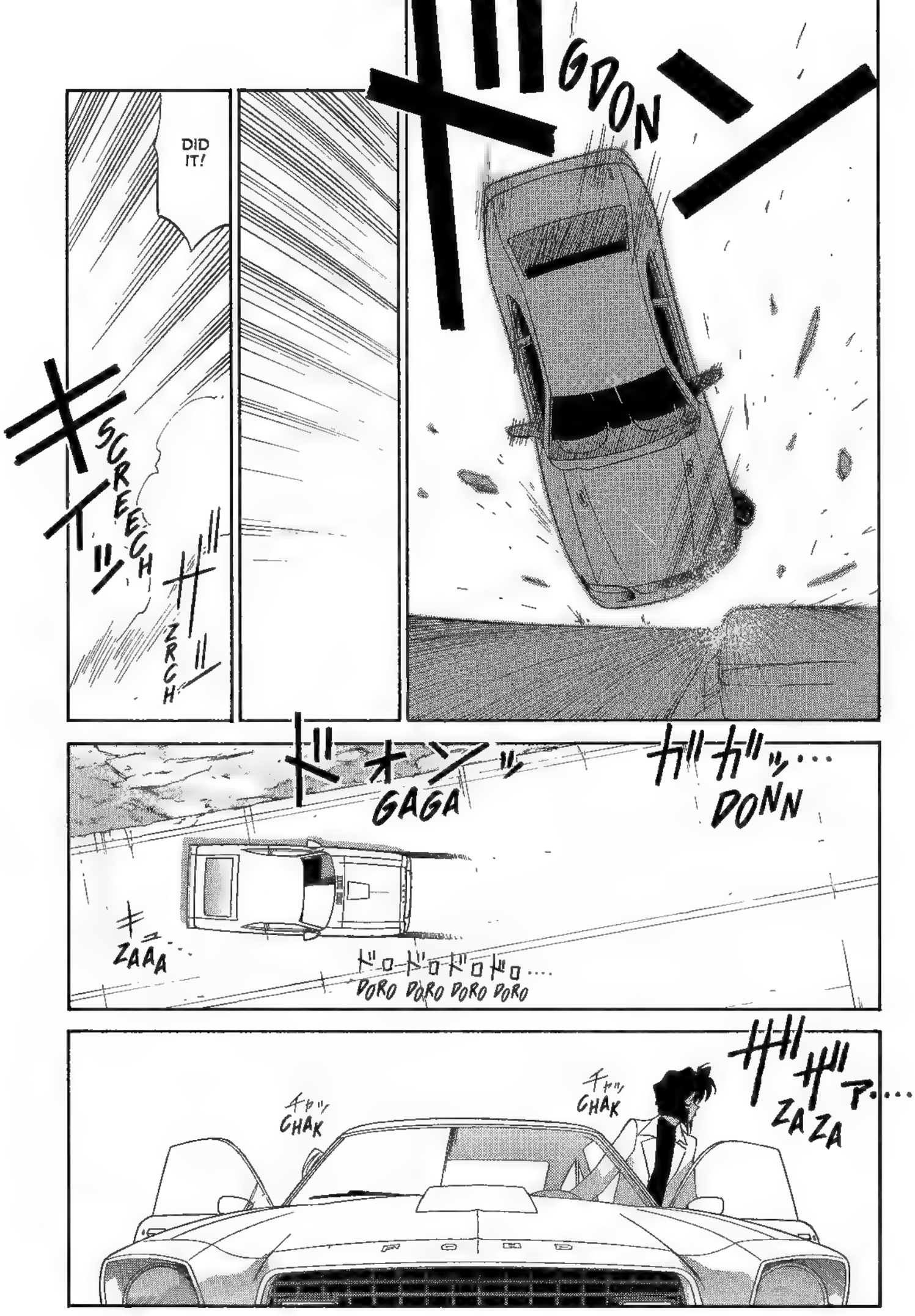

WHAT?! HUH? OH MY--!

I'M TRYING TO LEAD THE GUY WHO ATTACKED US AWAY FROM POPULATED AREAS! WE CAN'T HAVE A HIGH SPEED CHASE AND GUNPLAY ON CITY STREETS!
V... VIN-CENT! WHAT'S GOING ON ?!

HE DOESN'T HAVE THAT HIGH OF A PRICE ON HIS HEAD. I DON'T SEE WHY HE WOULD ATTACK A BOUNTY HUNTER JUST OUT OF THE BLUE!
SKRCH
ASK HIM.
HOW DID THIS HAPPEN? AND IN MY COMPANY'S CAR?!

NOW I HAVE TO CATCH HIM...
DIDN'T I SAY?
NO!
YOU'RE A BOUNTY HUNTER?
FORD
BANG
BANG
BANG
...OR I WON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO PAY FOR REPAIRS.
OH MY.
THUD


DID IT!
SCREECH
ZRCH
GDON
GAGA
DONN
ZAAA
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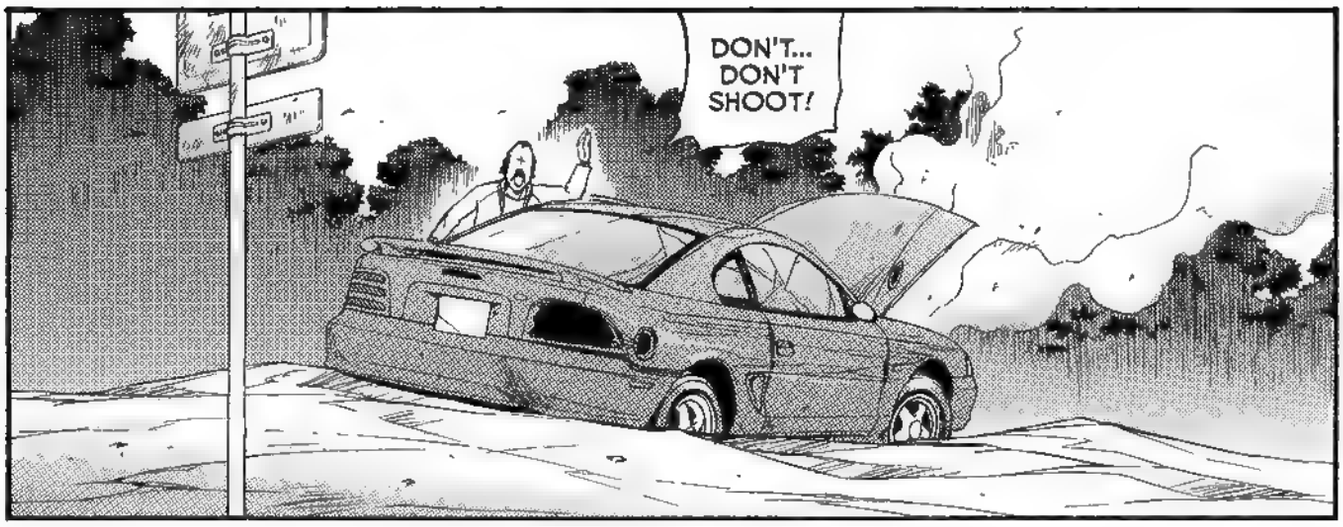
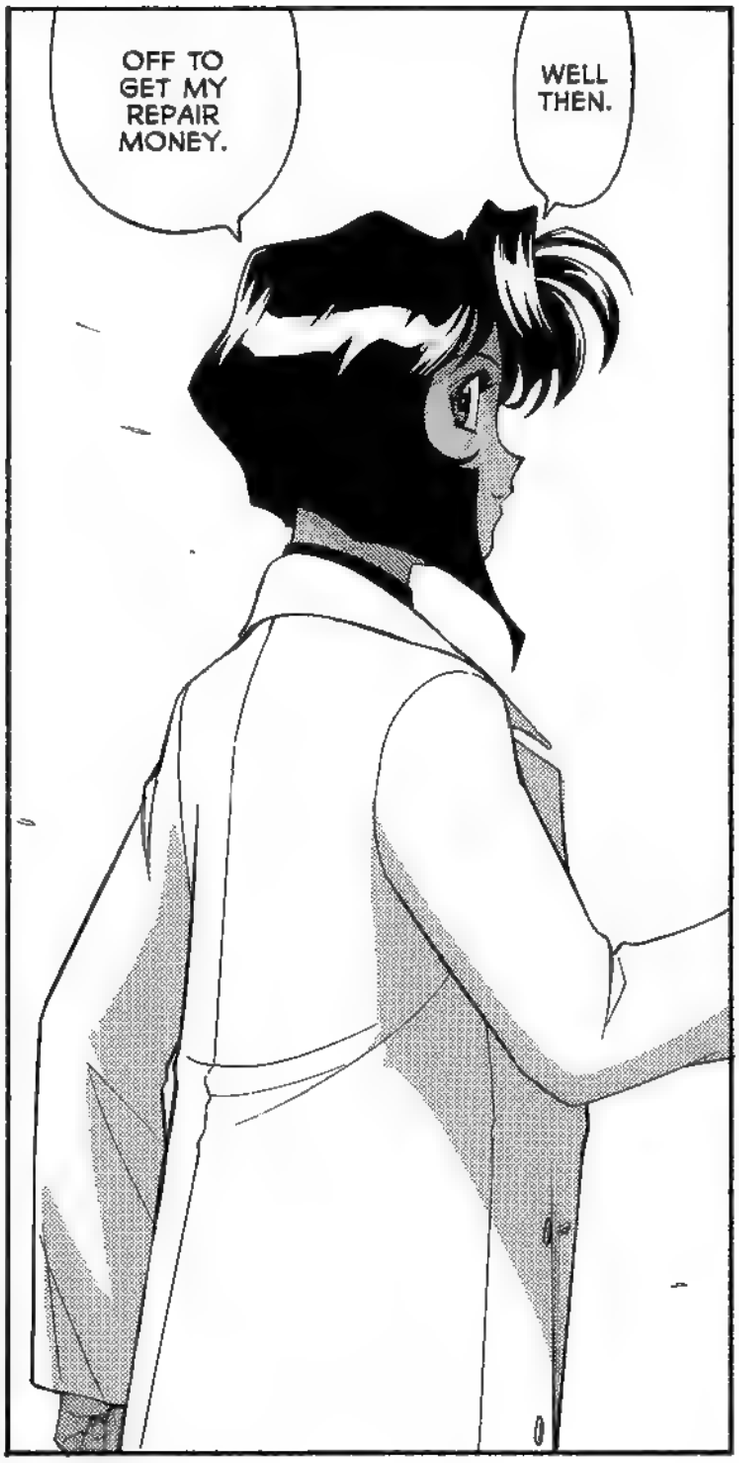
DORO DORO DORO DORO
CHAK
CHAK
ZAZA

THANK YOU!
V8 MAXIMUM IS GLAD TO BE OF SERVICE!
I'LL PAY CASH FOR THIS ONE.
SOME-TIMES.
REPAIR IT, ADD PISTOL GRADE ARMOR, AND STRENGTHEN THE CHASSIS PLEASE.
I GUESS A BOUNTY HUNTER WOULD WORK THEIR CAR PRETTY HARD.
PHEW
THE TEST DRIVE SHOWED ME JUST HOW GOOD THIS COMBO CAN BE.
A 302 UNIT IN A COBRA II BODY.





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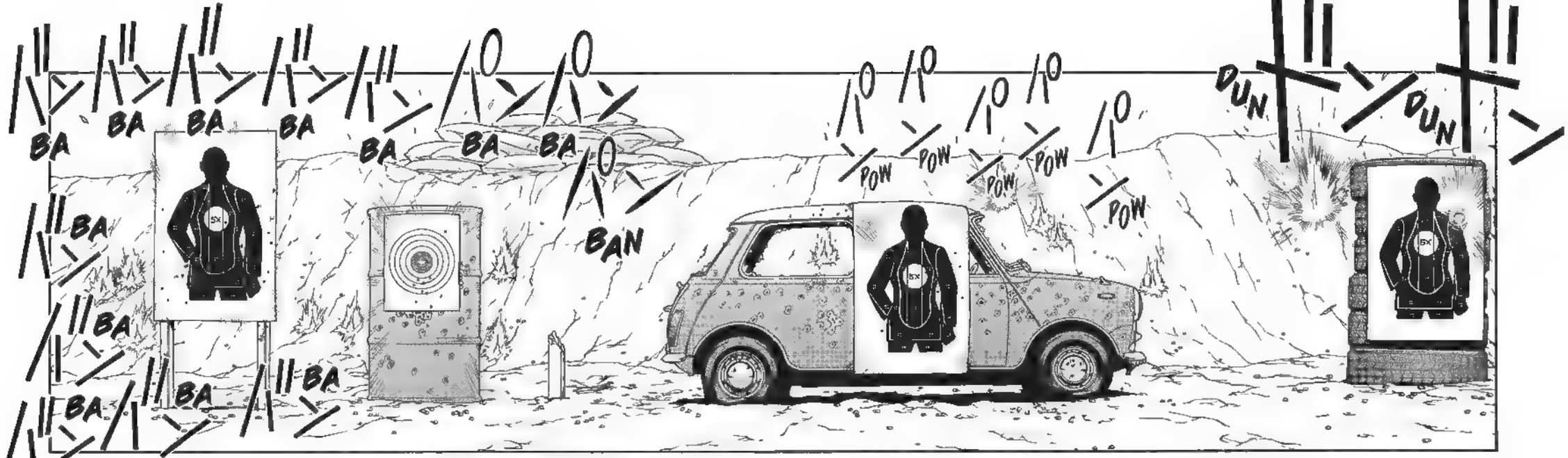
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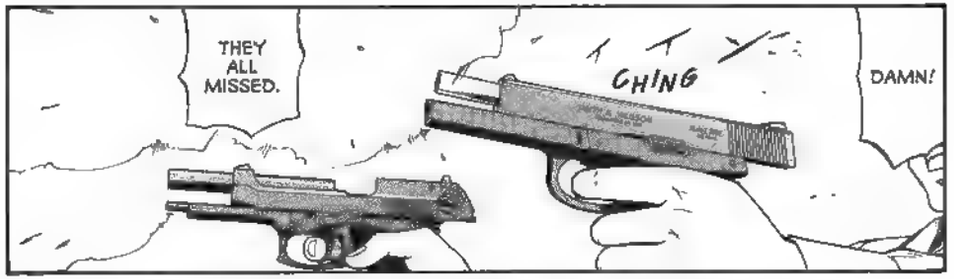
BA
BA
BA
BA
BA
BA
BA
BAN
POW
POW
POW
POW
POW
DUN
DUN

COULD YOU PLEASE BRING ANOTHER BOX OF AMMO?
EXCUSE ME.
IT CAN'T HIT A THING!
HEY! MISS INSTRUCTOR! I THINK THIS GUN IS BENT!
OW
カキーン

HOW COME ALL OF MY SHOTS ARE SO LOW?
DO YOU HAVE A GUN LIKE 007 USES?
YEAH. BRING SOME MORE 50AE ROUNDS.


THEY ALL MISSED.
CHING
DAMN!

I GOT ONE! I GOT ONE ON THE TARGET! YEA!
I WAS SURE I COULD SHOOT LIKE NEO!
YOU DON'T EVEN LOOK LIKE KEANU.
BOOM

HEY. WAIT A SEC.
I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION NONE OF YOU WERE BEGINNERS.
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SILVER BULLET SHOOTING SCHOOL
www.gungungun.com
PUT YOUR GUNS DOWN AND LISTEN.
OKAY EVERY-ONE.
BESIDES, THE OTHER INSTRUCTOR SAID THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG WITH HOW WE WERE SHOOTING.
I THOUGHT WE'D HAVE A CHANCE TO SHOOT OFF A BOX OF ROUNDS BEFORE THE LESSON.
WHAP
WHAT ?!
YOU'RE WORSE THAN AMATEURS!
YOU'RE DOING IT ALL WRONG!!

NOT ONLY ARE YOU SHOOTING TWO GUNS AT ONCE, SOMETHING THAT NEVER WORKS...
YOU AREN'T HITTING ANYTHING DESPITE ALL THE ROUNDS YOU'VE SHOT.
WOOSH
FIRST YOU, MR. MARLEY.
I CAN ONLY LOOK ONE WAY AT A TIME.
IT'S NOT LIKE I THINK I CAN HIT THINGS ON OPPOSITE SIDES LIKE IN THE MOVIES.
HOLD ON A SECOND.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "NEVER WORKS"?
LET ME SHOW YOU.
SO YOU WANT TO LOOK COOL LIKE THE CHARACTERS IN A JOHN WOO MOVIE?
BUT I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO PUMP A BUCH OF SHOTS AT ONCE INTO A TARGET.

IT'S READY.
FRPP
5X
FIRST I'LL SHOOT WITH TWO.
OKAY.
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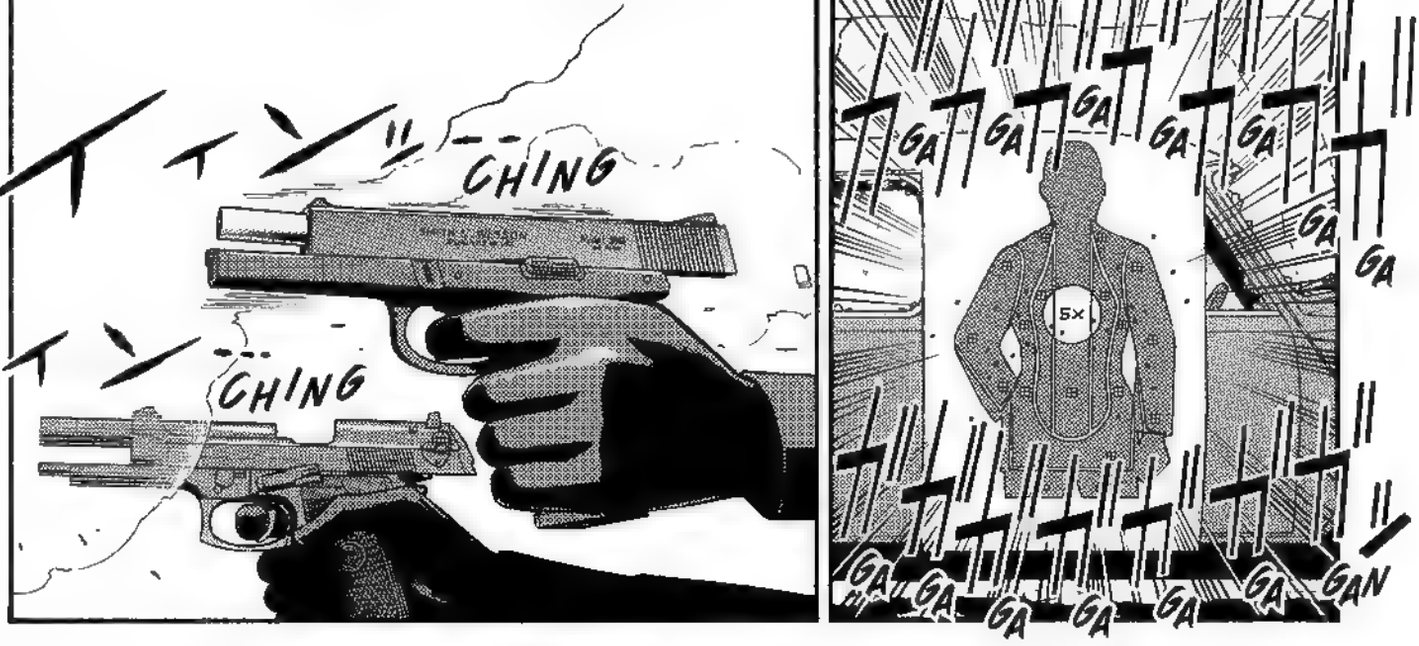
BA
BA
BA
BA
BA
BAN


CHING
CHING
GA GA GA GA GA GA GA GA GA GA GA GA GA GAN
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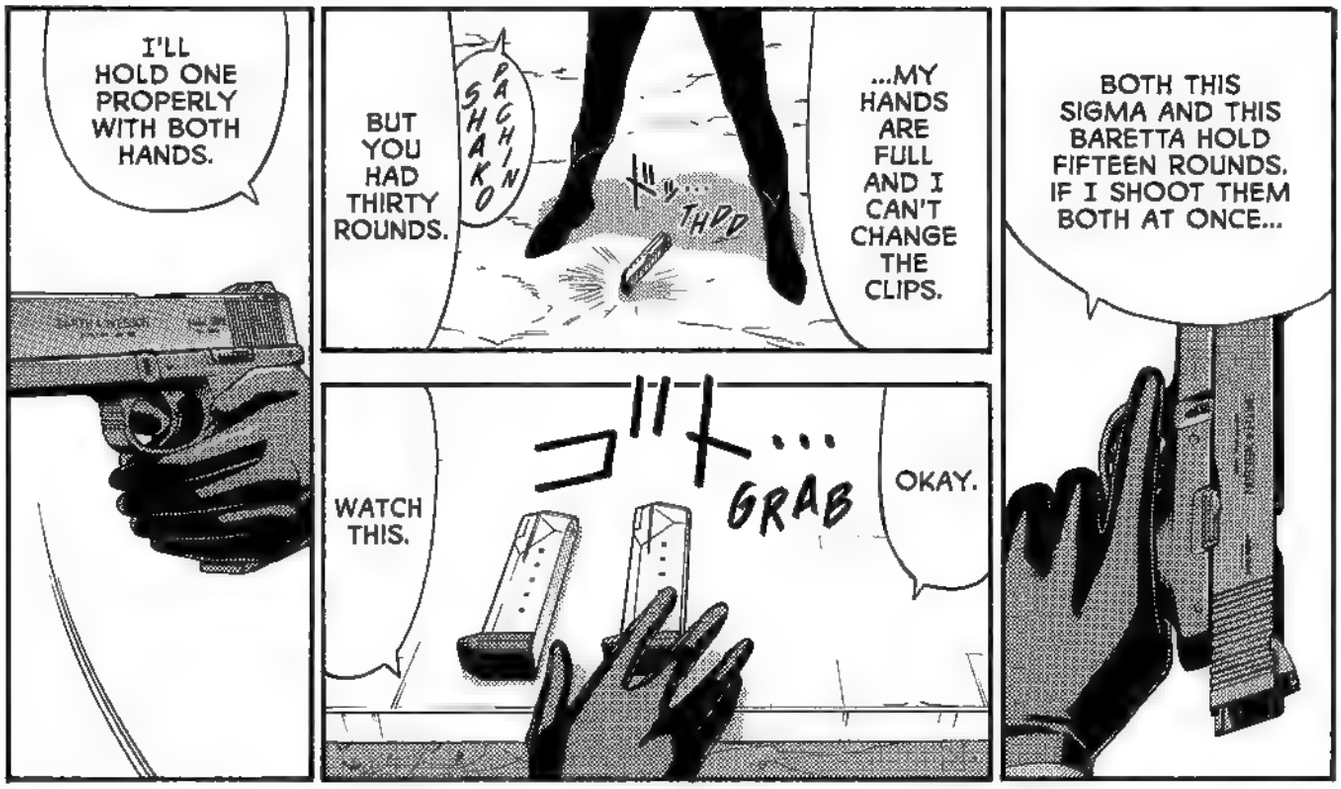
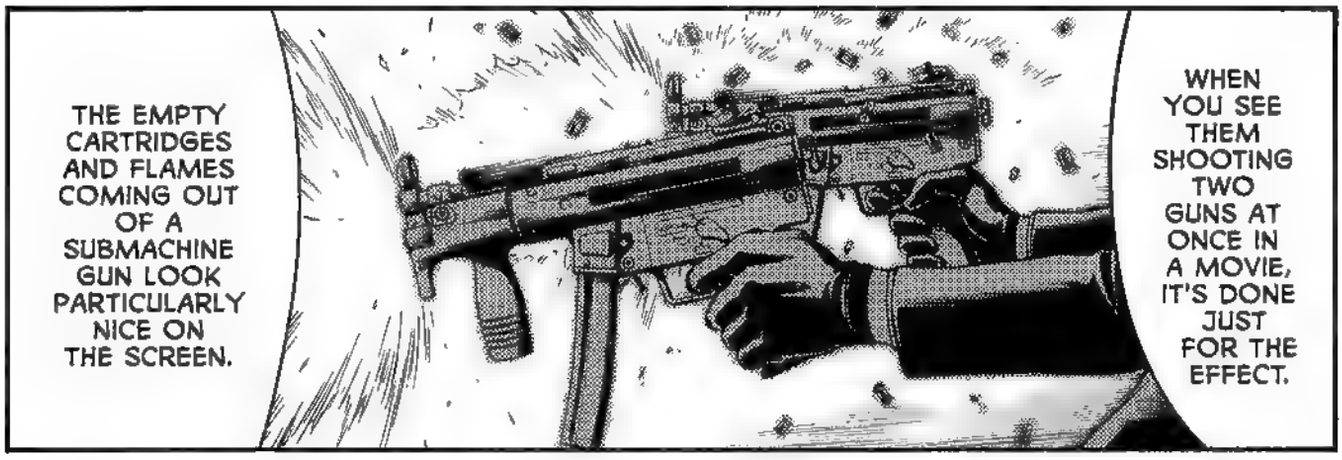
THEY ALL HIT THE TARGET.
SEE? YOU DID PRETTY GOOD WITH TWO GUNS.
YES, BUT...
5×
WOW.

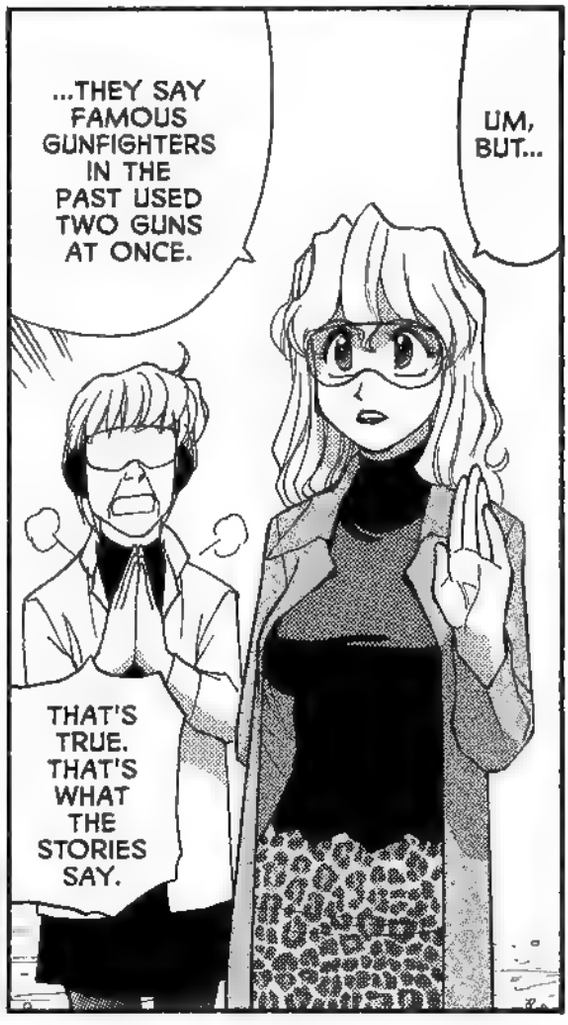

I'LL HOLD ONE PROPERLY WITH BOTH HANDS.
BUT YOU HAD THIRTY ROUNDS.
SHAKO
PACHIN
THDD
...MY HANDS ARE FULL AND I CAN'T CHANGE THE CLIPS.
BOTH THIS SIGMA AND THIS BARETTA HOLD FIFTEEN ROUNDS. IF I SHOOT THEM BOTH AT ONCE...
WATCH THIS.
GRAB
OKAY.

BANG
BANG
BANG

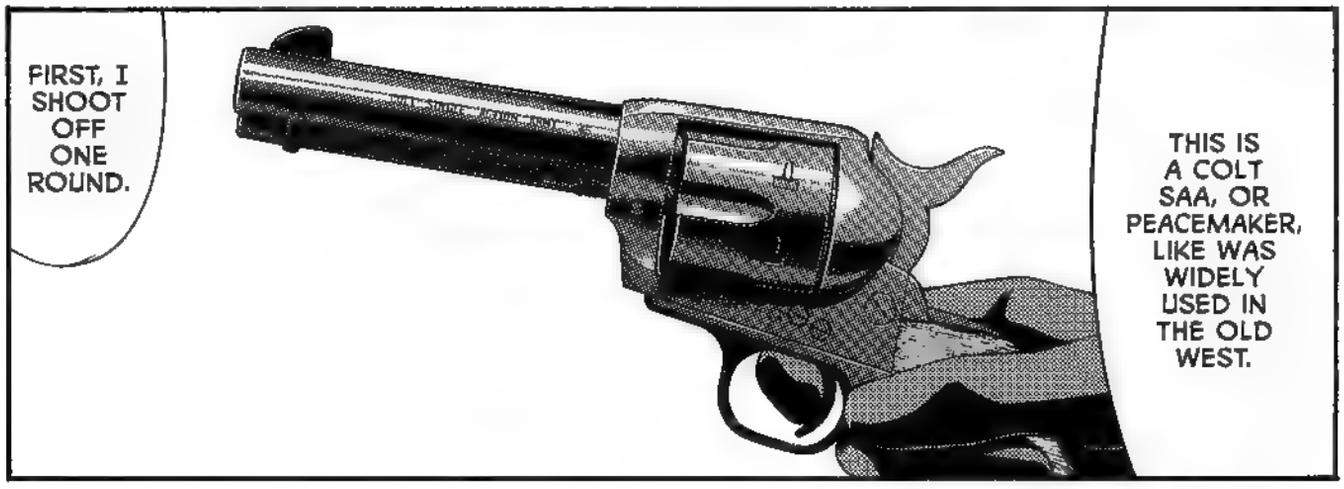
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
THIRTEEN SECONDS.
FORTY-FIVE SHOTS.
おお SHOOOOOO っっ....
CLAP CLAP
ﾁｬﾘﾝ ﾁｬﾘﾝ
EVEN FOR A SKILLED SHOOTER LIKE ME...
BUT, WHEN HOLDING ONE GUN IN TWO HANDS, NOT ONLY DO I HIT THE TARGET DEAD ON, I CAN CHANGE CLIPS AT WILL!
...THE ACCURACY SLIPS WHEN SHOOTING TWO GUNS AT ONCE AND I CAN ONLY GET OFF TWO CLIPS WORTH OF BULLETS.


THE EMPTY CARTRIDGES AND FLAMES COMING OUT OF A SUBMACHINE GUN LOOK PARTICULARLY NICE ON THE SCREEN.
WHEN YOU SEE THEM SHOOTING TWO GUNS AT ONCE IN A MOVIE, IT'S DONE JUST FOR THE EFFECT.

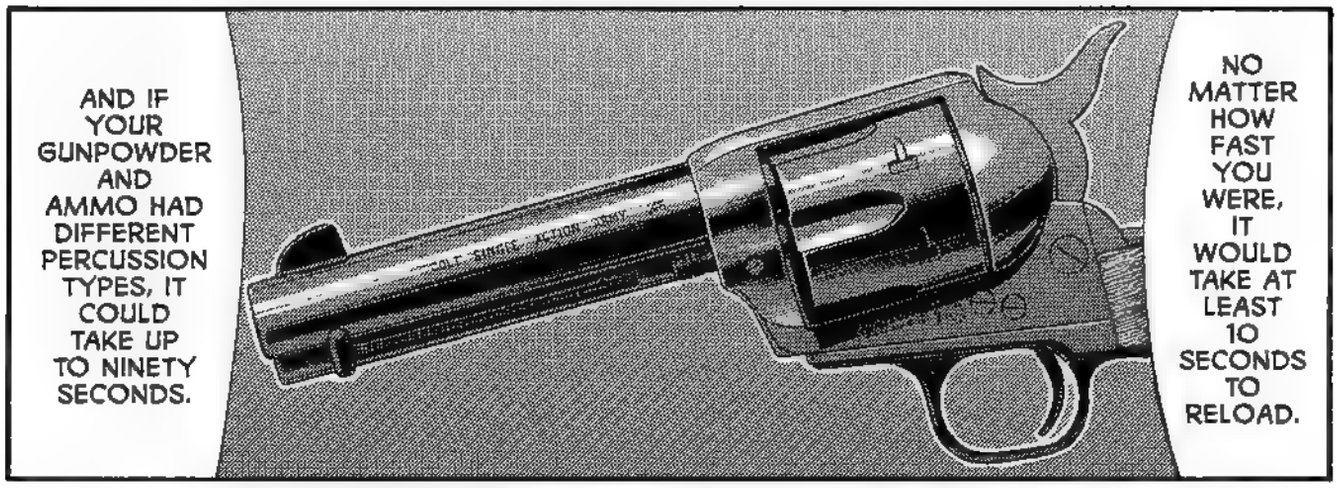
HERE'S HOW.
SURE. BACK IN THE OLD WEST TWO GUNS COULD BE VERY EFFECTIVE.

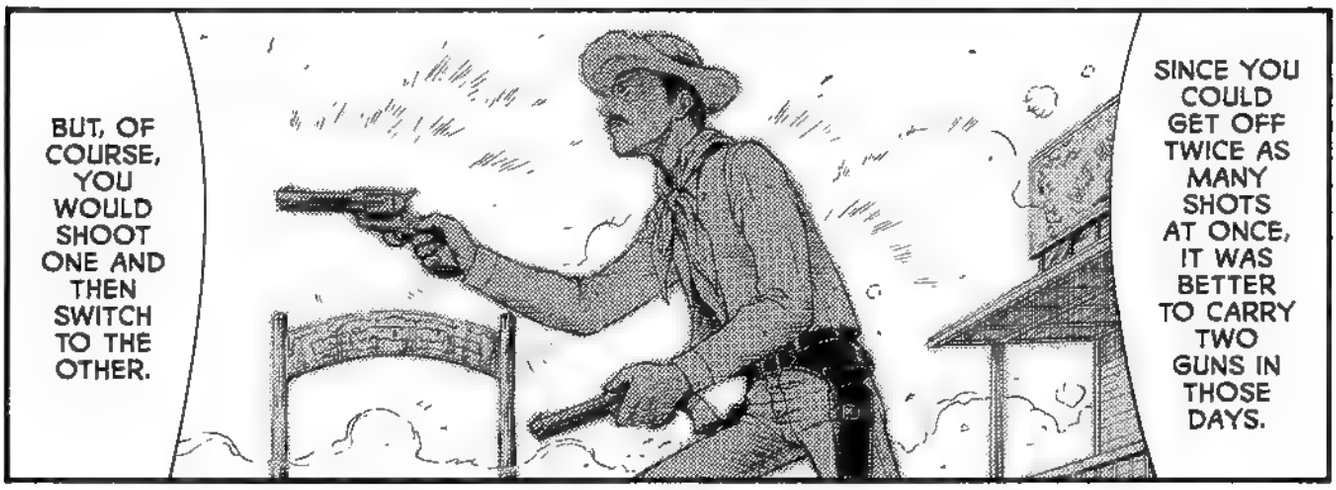

UM, BUT...
...THEY SAY FAMOUS GUNFIGHTERS IN THE PAST USED TWO GUNS AT ONCE.
THAT'S TRUE. THAT'S WHAT THE STORIES SAY.

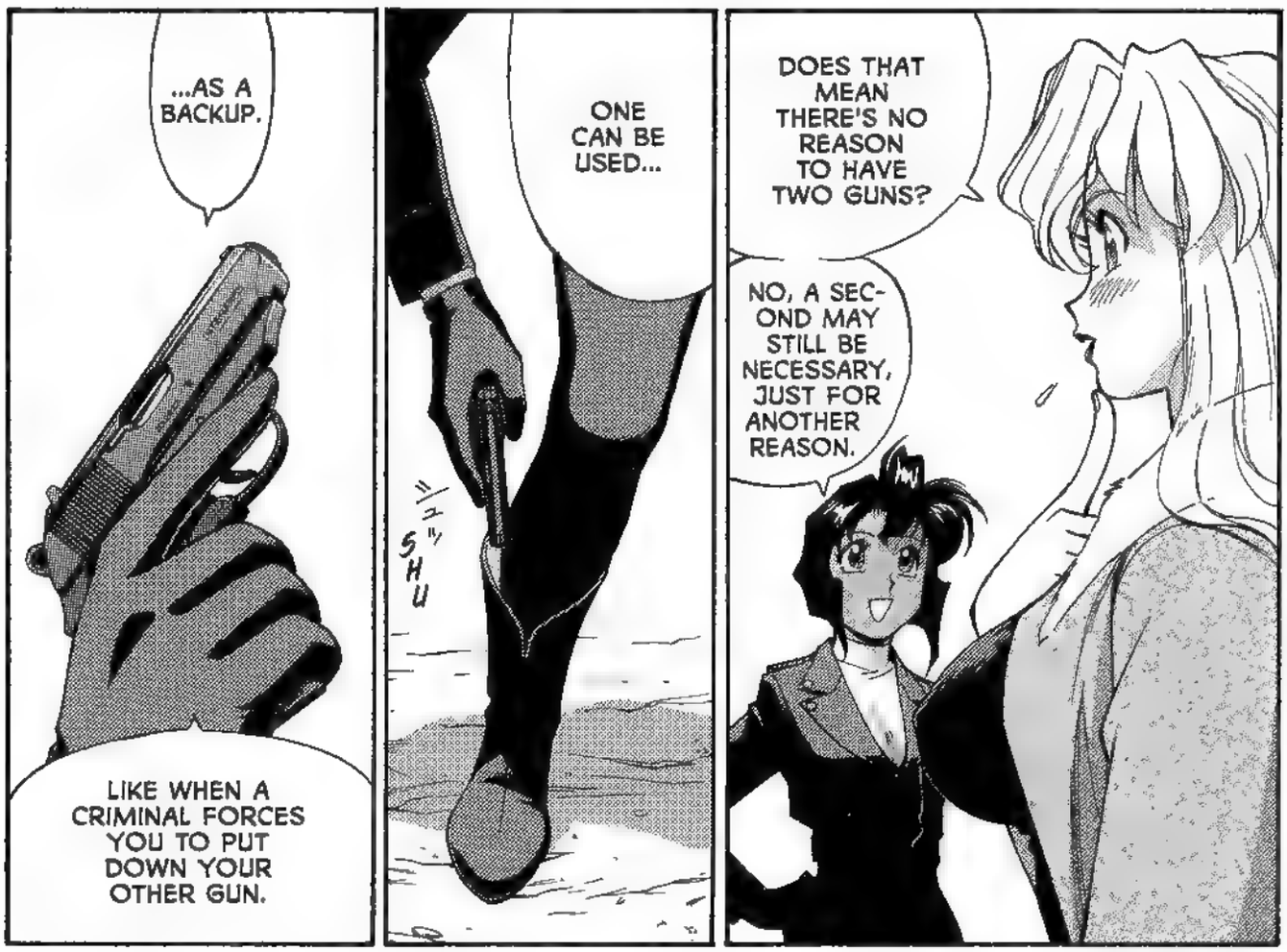
RIGHT AWAY.
MISTY! BRING AN SAA AND SOME AMMO.


FIRST, I SHOOT OFF ONE ROUND.
THIS IS A COLT SAA, OR PEACEMAKER, LIKE WAS WIDELY USED IN THE OLD WEST.

SEE IF YOU CAN DO IT.
I'VE SHOT THE BULLET IN THE CHAMBER SO IT'S SAFE.
HUH?
MR. MARLEY. PLEASE REMOVE THE EMPTY CASING.
10
アーリー
BANG
...AND PULL BACK THE HAM-MER.
FIRST YOU OPEN IT LIKE THIS...
コチ
KOCHI
EVEN I KNOW HOW TO USE AN OLD GUN LIKE THIS.
VOI-LÀ!
カシ
KASHI
PUT YOUR FINGER ON LIKE THIS.
THERE'S A TUBE UNDER-NEATH.
YOU'RE DOING IT WRONG.
HUH?
VERY FEW WESTERNS SHOW YOU THAT PART.
YOU HAVE TO USE THAT ROD TO TAKE OUT EACH SHELL?


AND IF YOUR GUNPOWDER AND AMMO HAD DIFFERENT PERCUSSION TYPES, IT COULD TAKE UP TO NINETY SECONDS.
NO MATTER HOW FAST YOU WERE, IT WOULD TAKE AT LEAST 10 SECONDS TO RELOAD.


BUT, OF COURSE, YOU WOULD SHOOT ONE AND THEN SWITCH TO THE OTHER.
SINCE YOU COULD GET OFF TWICE AS MANY SHOTS AT ONCE, IT WAS BETTER TO CARRY TWO GUNS IN THOSE DAYS.

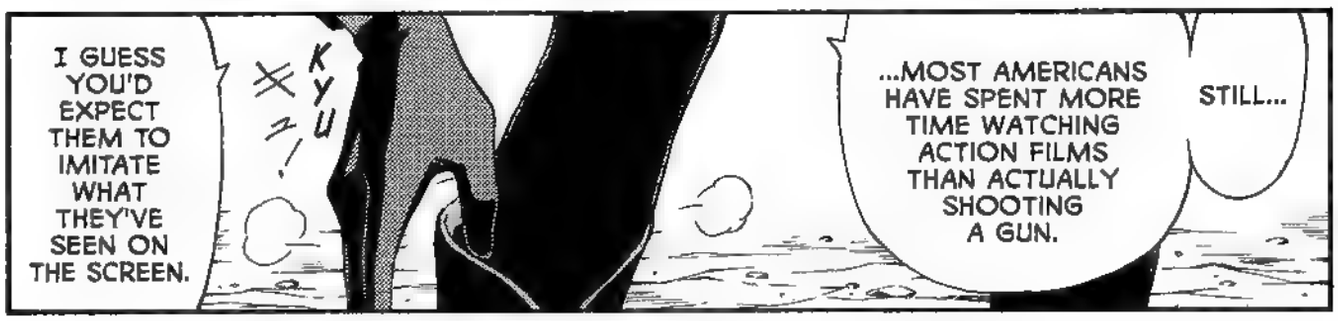

...AS A BACKUP.
LIKE WHEN A CRIMINAL FORCES YOU TO PUT DOWN YOUR OTHER GUN.
ONE CAN BE USED...
SHU
DOES THAT MEAN THERE'S NO REASON TO HAVE TWO GUNS?
NO, A SECOND MAY STILL BE NECESSARY, JUST FOR ANOTHER REASON.

BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
THEN, WHEN THEY'RE NOT LOOKING...
...YOU HAVE THE CHANCE TO STRIKE.
NOW, THE OTHER MISTAKE I'M SEEING...
ZA
おお SHEE
FLUTTER
WHAT? ME?!
...WOULD BE MS. ROSS' HORIZONTAL SHOOTING!

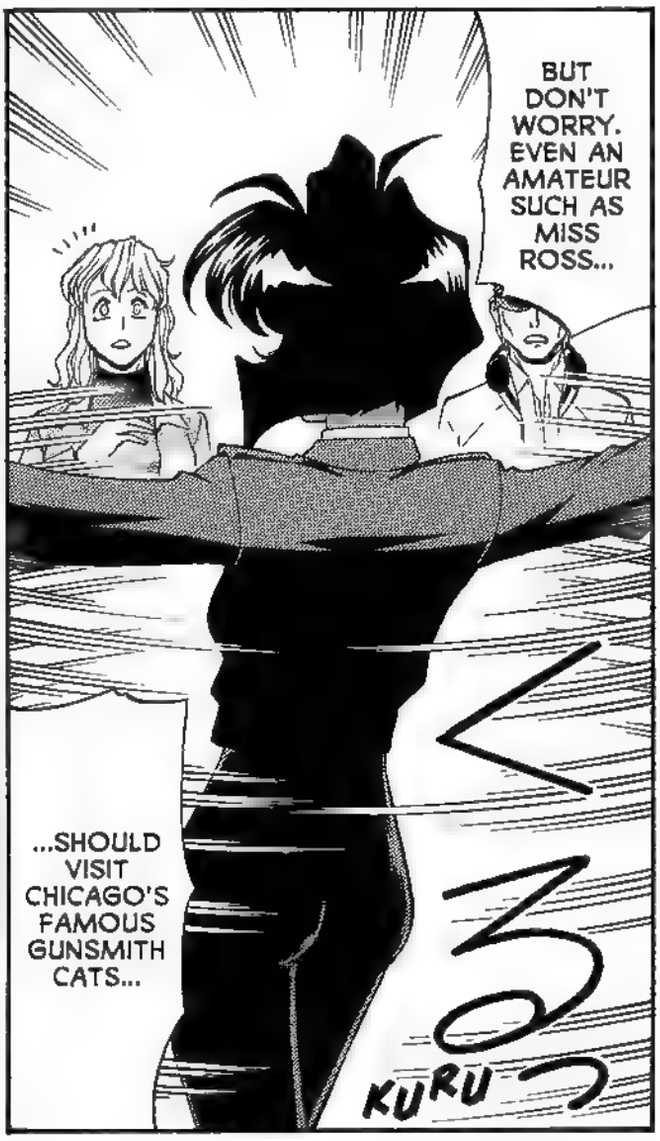
...AND SHOOTING IT ON ITS SIDE LIKE YOU OFTEN SEE IN THE MOVIES THESE DAYS.
AT LEAST I HIT SOMETHING.
THIS IS JUST ANOTHER SCREEN ASTHETIC.
MISS ROSS IS TAKING HER M85...
TWIST
KASHIK カシッ
チキ...
THE CASINGS COULD JAM UP WHEN BEING EXPELLED.
BUT IF YOU WERE TO TRY TO SHOOT THIS WAY WITH A GUN THAT DOESN'T HAVE MUCH EXPULSION POWER...
IT LOOKS COOL WHEN THE EMPTY CASES FLY UP INTO THE AIR...
STILL, I CAN'T SAY THAT THIS STYLE DOESN'T HAVE ANY MERITS.
LIKE THIS.
HUH?
MR. SHOEMAKER. WOULD YOU PLEASE THROW ONE OF THOSE EMPTY CANS STRAIGHT UP INTO THE AIR?
...AND YOU GET A BETTER VIEW OF THE ACTOR'S FACE IN THE FRAME.

I DOUBT THIS TYPE OF SITUATION WOULD EVER ARISE, BUT...
...WHEN YOU'RE TRACKING SOMETHING MOVING VERTICALLY...
NNN!
ALSO, WHEN YOU'RE HIDING BEHIND A BARRI-CADE...
...THE GUN MAY SHAKE A LITTLE, BUT IT WON'T GET IN YOUR LINE OF SIGHT.
...IT'S EASIER TO HIDE THE HAND THAT'S GRIPPING THE GUN.
BANG
カィンッ
CHING

PEOPLE MOVE HORIZON-TALLY. THAT'S WHAT YOU SHOULD PRACTICE FOR.
YOU SHOULD STICK TO THE BASICS.
SO IT'S NOT NECES-SARILY BAD TECH-NIQUE.

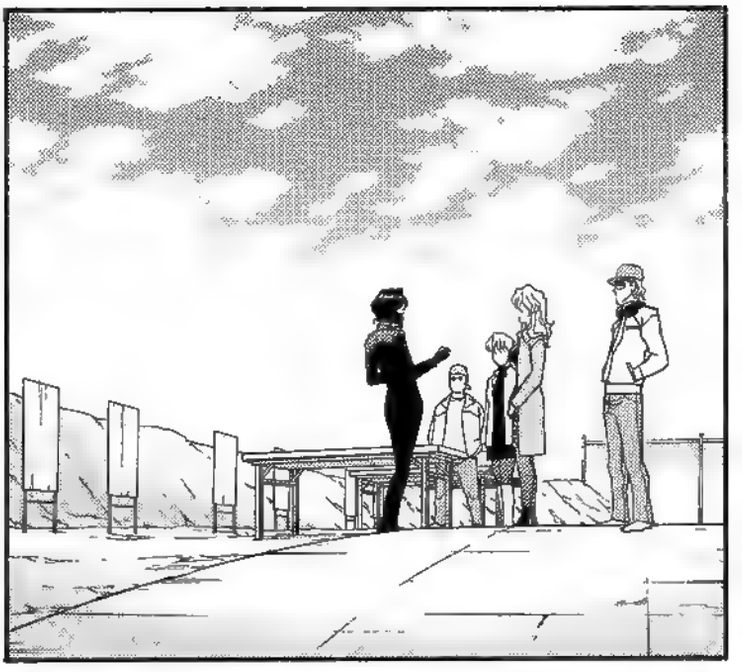

I GUESS YOU'D EXPECT THEM TO IMITATE WHAT THEY'VE SEEN ON THE SCREEN.
KYU ッ!
...MOST AMERICANS HAVE SPENT MORE TIME WATCHING ACTION FILMS THAN ACTUALLY SHOOTING A GUN.
STILL...

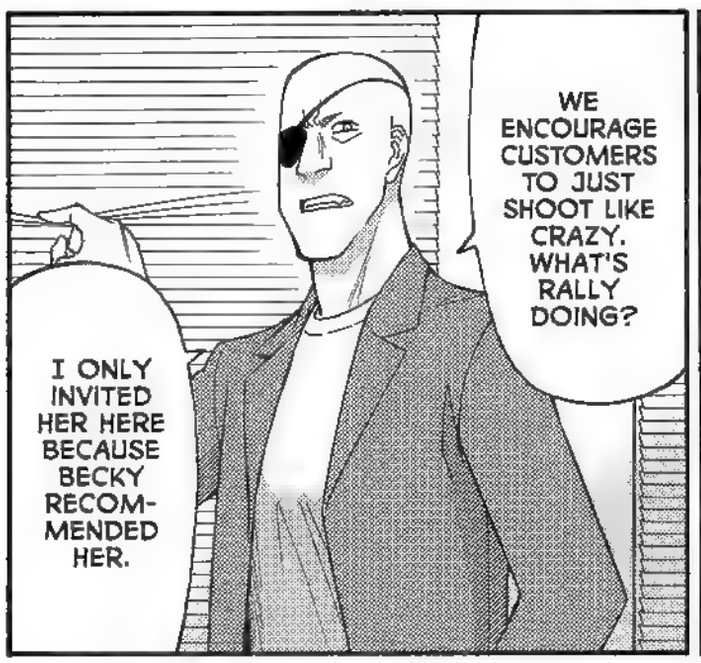
IF YOU WANT TO SHOOT HORIZONTALLY, I WOULD RECOMMEND GUNS THAT WON'T JAM LIKE THE MAUSER C96 OR THE LUGAR P08.
...WHERE WE HAVE A WIDE SELECTION TO MEET ANY NEED!
THERE'RE ALSO THE WALTHER P38 OR P5 WHICH EXPEL SHELLS OUT THE OPPOSITE SIDE. THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS.

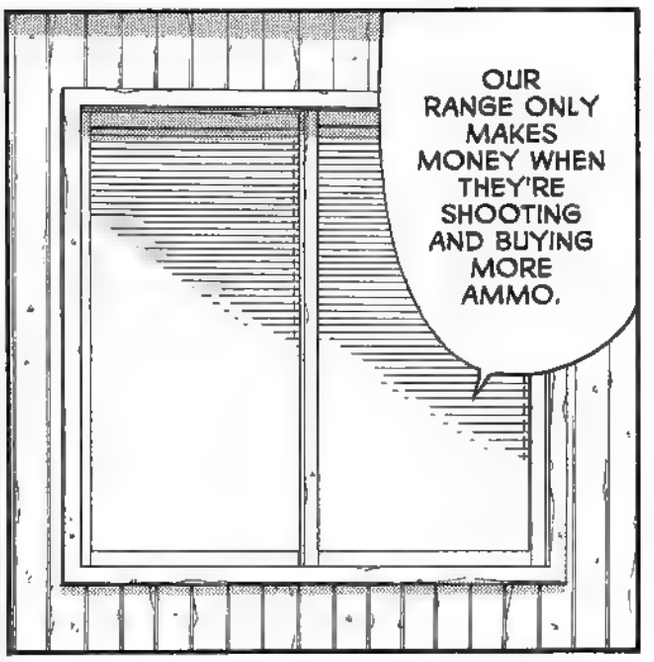

BUT DON'T WORRY. EVEN AN AMATEUR SUCH AS MISS ROSS...
...SHOULD VISIT CHICAGO'S FAMOUS GUNSMITH CATS...
KURU

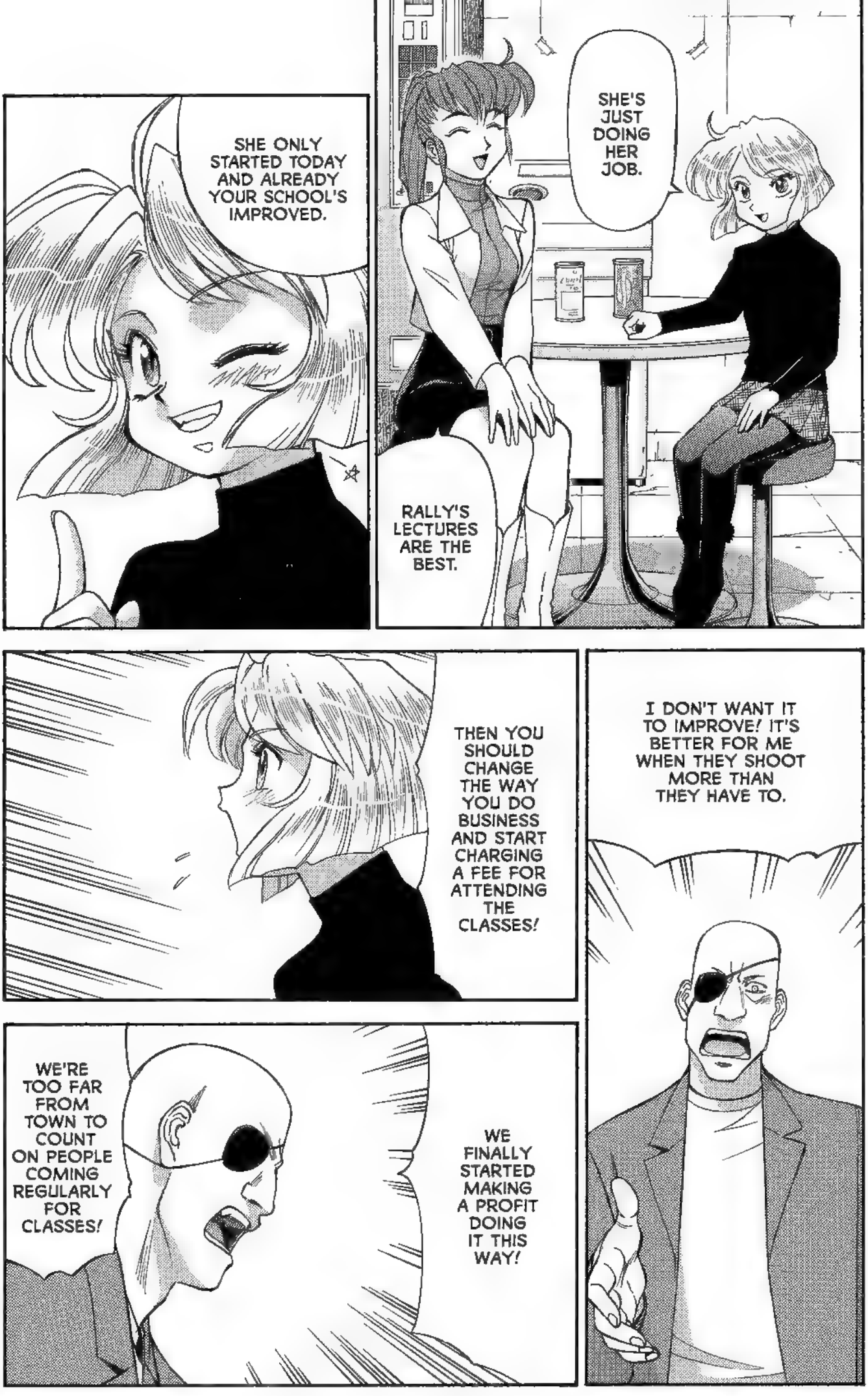
I ONLY TOOK THE INSTRUCTOR POSITION ON THE CONDITION THAT I COULD ADVERTISE.
IT'S FINE.
SHOULD YOU BE SAYING THAT?
WHAT ABOUT THIS STORE?

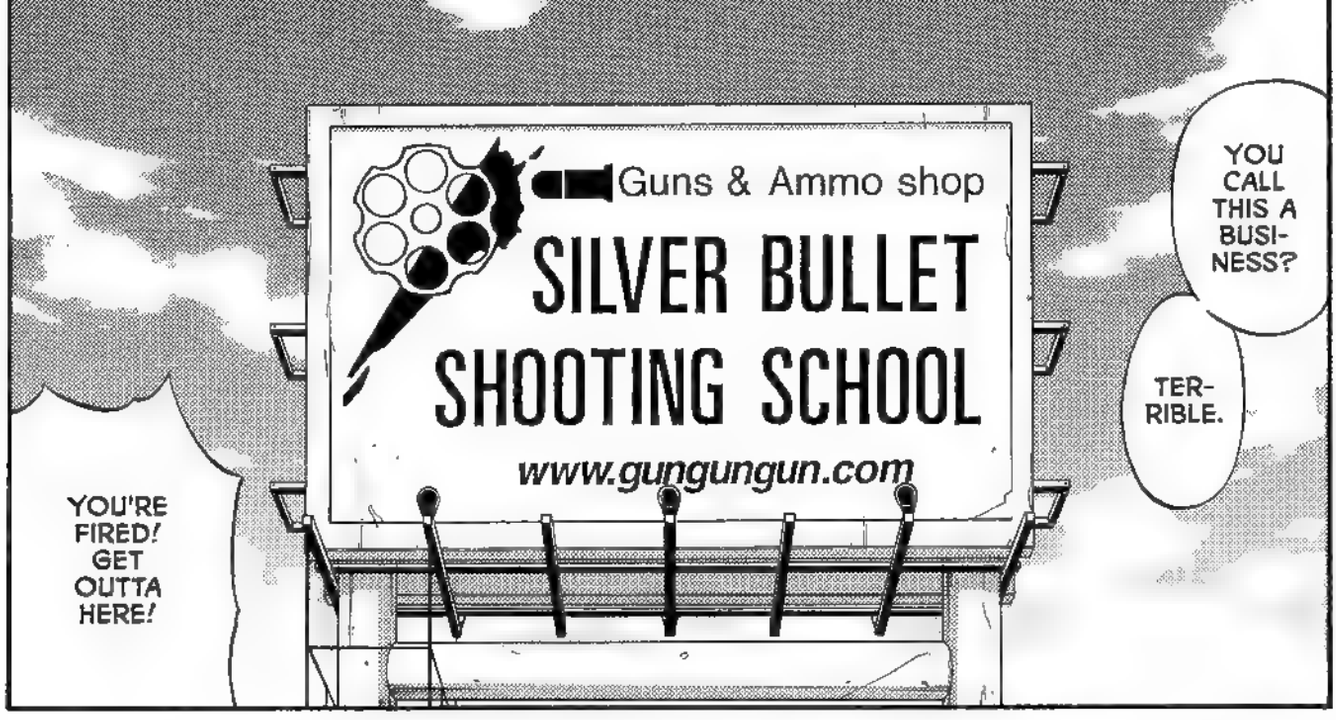
THEY'RE NOT SHOOT-ING.




WE ENCOURAGE CUSTOMERS TO JUST SHOOT LIKE CRAZY. WHAT'S RALLY DOING?
I ONLY INVITED HER HERE BECAUSE BECKY RECOM-MENDED HER.


OUR RANGE ONLY MAKES MONEY WHEN THEY'RE SHOOTING AND BUYING MORE AMMO.


SHE ONLY STARTED TODAY AND ALREADY YOUR SCHOOL'S IMPROVED.
SHE'S JUST DOING HER JOB.
RALLY'S LECTURES ARE THE BEST.
THEN YOU SHOULD CHANGE THE WAY YOU DO BUSINESS AND START CHARGING A FEE FOR ATTENDING THE CLASSES!
I DON'T WANT IT TO IMPROVE! IT'S BETTER FOR ME WHEN THEY SHOOT MORE THAN THEY HAVE TO.
WE'RE TOO FAR FROM TOWN TO COUNT ON PEOPLE COMING REGULARLY FOR CLASSES!
WE FINALLY STARTED MAKING A PROFIT DOING IT THIS WAY!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SILVER BULLET SHOOTING SCHOOL
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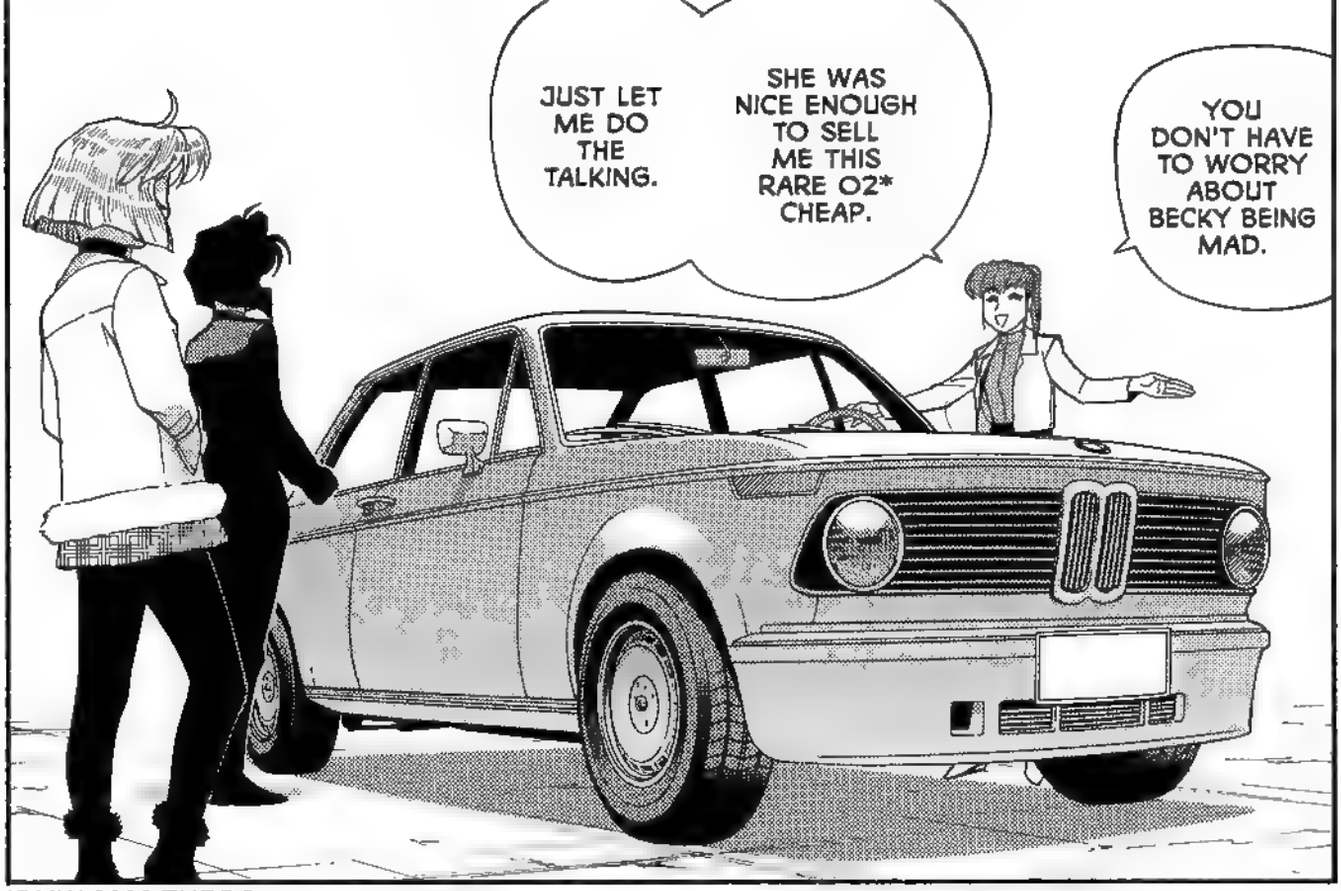
YOU'RE FIRED! GET OUTTA HERE!
TER-RIBLE.
YOU CALL THIS A BUSI-NESS?

EVERYBODY IN!
I EVEN GOT THE RARE CHANCE TO ADVERTISE WHILE USING SOMEONE ELSE'S FACILITIES.
I BET BECKY WILL STILL FIND SOME REASON TO COMPLAIN.
I'M SORRY.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS GETTING PAID.
IT REALLY IS A HORRIBLE PLACE.



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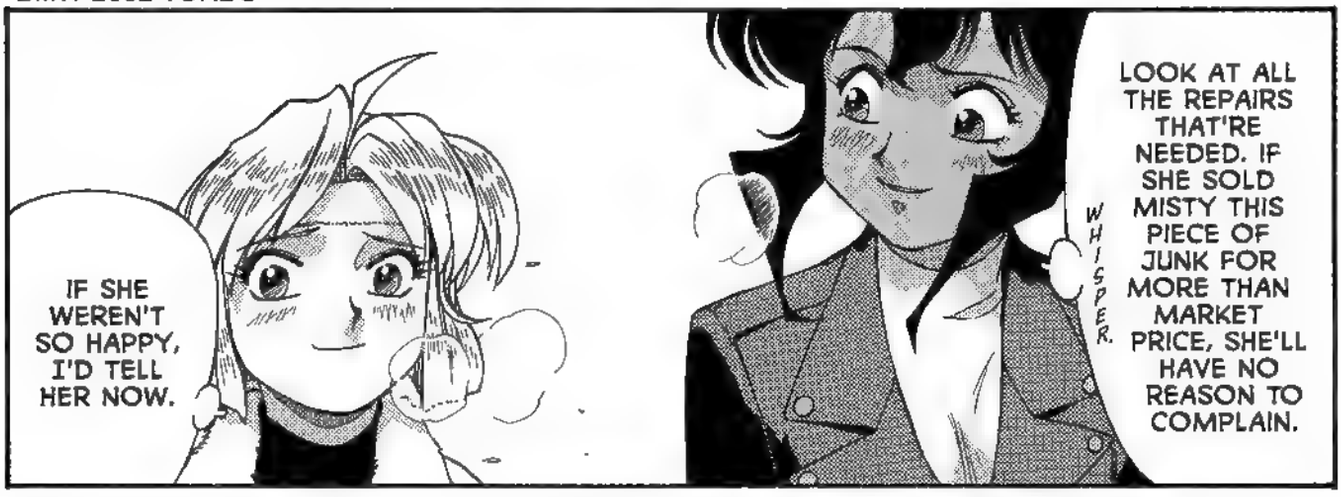
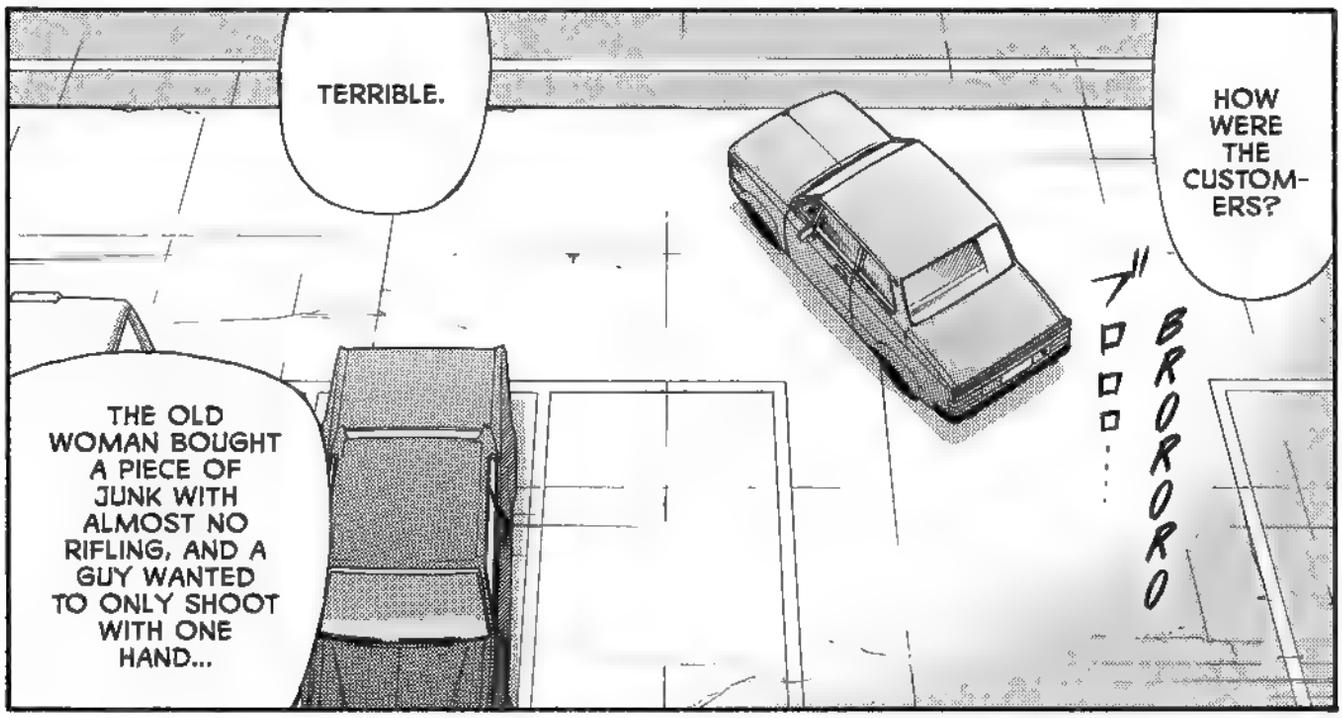

IF SHE WEREN'T SO HAPPY, I'D TELL HER NOW.
WHISPER.
LOOK AT ALL THE REPAIRS THAT'RE NEEDED. IF SHE SOLD MISTY THIS PIECE OF JUNK FOR MORE THAN MARKET PRICE, SHE'LL HAVE NO REASON TO COMPLAIN.


TERRIBLE.
HOW WERE THE CUSTOM-ERS?
THE OLD WOMAN BOUGHT A PIECE OF JUNK WITH ALMOST NO RIFLING, AND A GUY WANTED TO ONLY SHOOT WITH ONE HAND...
BRORORO

CHAPTER 18 / END

SONODA SPECIAL

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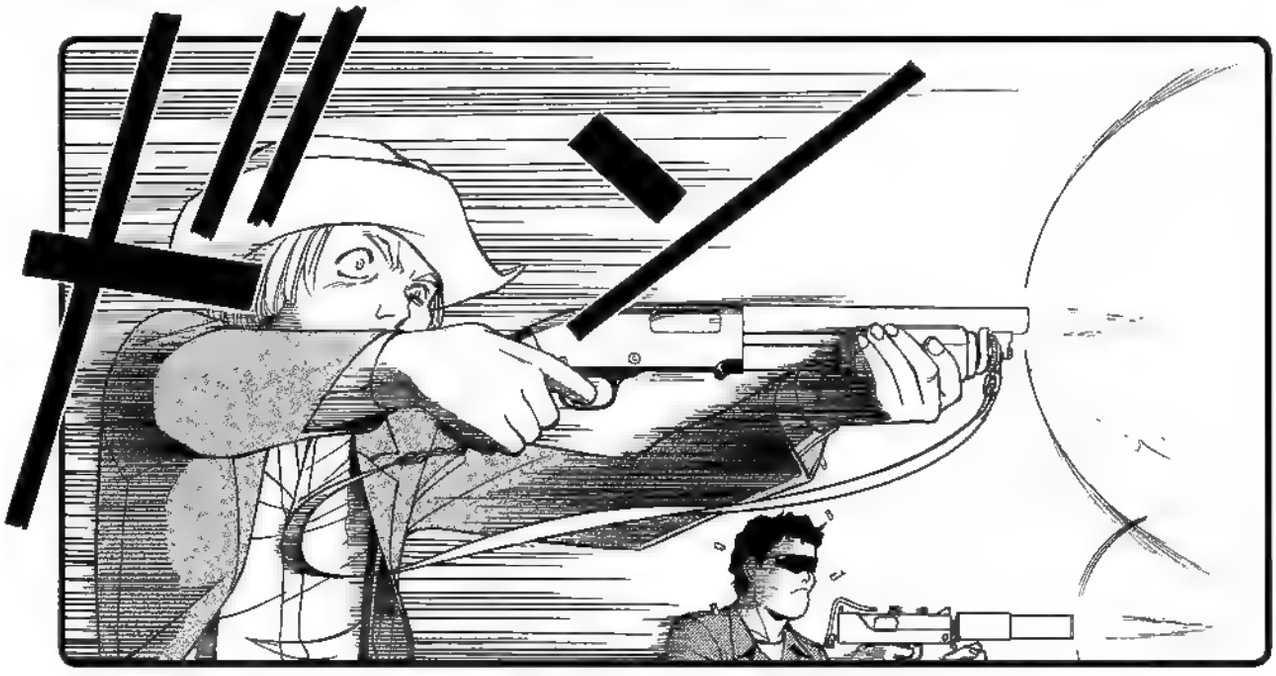
BULLET TRIVIA—SIXTH SHOT—SHOT SHELLS

The cartridges used in shotguns are called "shells," and their caliber is measured in "gauge" instead of millimeters or inches.

The most popular is the 12 gauge, which is about 18mm in diameter. This "12" indicates the number of shot in one pound and is a holdover from measurements used in England before guns with bullets were widespread. In other words, the larger the number, the smaller the shot.

Shotguns sold in the US come in gauges of 10, 12, 16, 20, 28, and 410 (the last one is the exception to the rule and stands for 0.410 inches). Each of these have different lengths of cases, including magnum, but if you measure an unused casing, you will find it's shorter than labeled. That's because the length includes the part of the plastic case that's folded inside and spreads out once the shotgun is fired.

10 gauge shells range from 2 5/8 to 3 ½ inch magnums, 12 gauges range from 2 to 3 inch magnums, and 20 gauges range from 2 ½ to 3 inch magnums.



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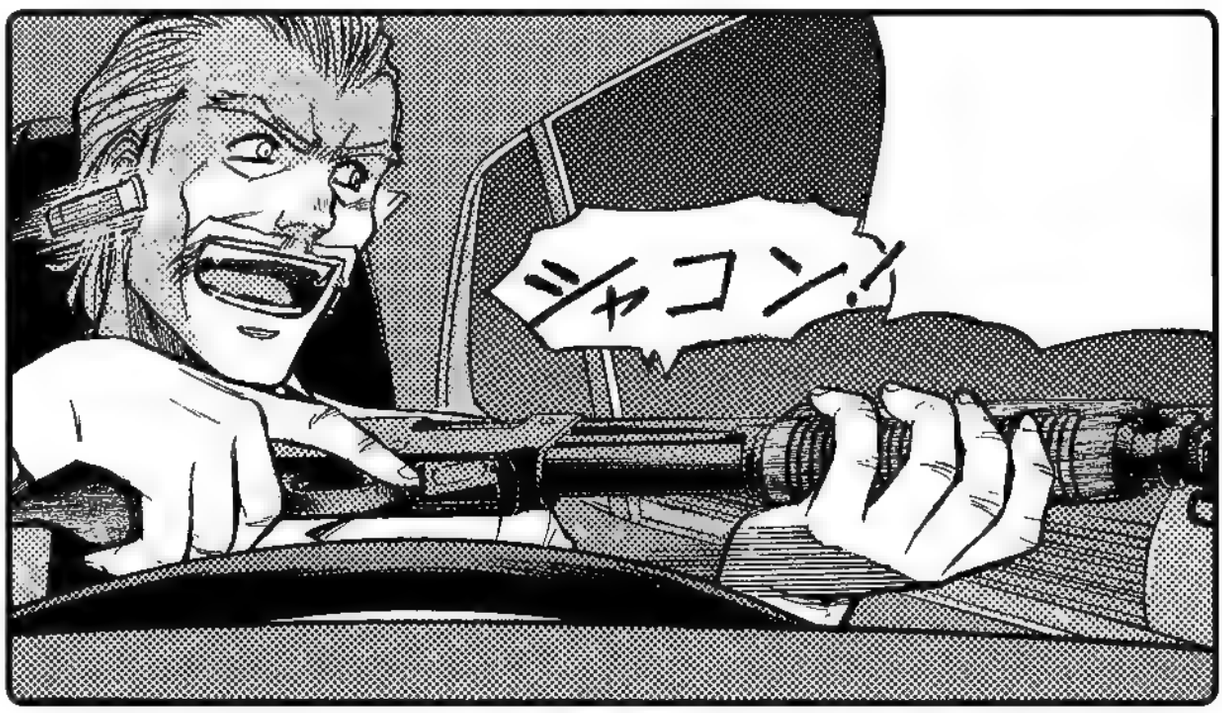
BULLET TRIVIA—SEVENTH SHOT—SHOT

The shot in a shotgun shell sits in a plastic cup on a felt mat and are dispersed as a group when the shotgun is fired. They come in all different sizes for different uses. Everything from the 9.14mm 000 (triple 0) through the 8.38 00, 0, 1, 2, 3, and the 6.10mm 4 is called buckshot, while the 5.59mm f through t, bbb, 4.57 bb, 1-7, the 2.41mm 7 ½, 8, 8 ½, and the 2.03mm 9 are considered birdshot.

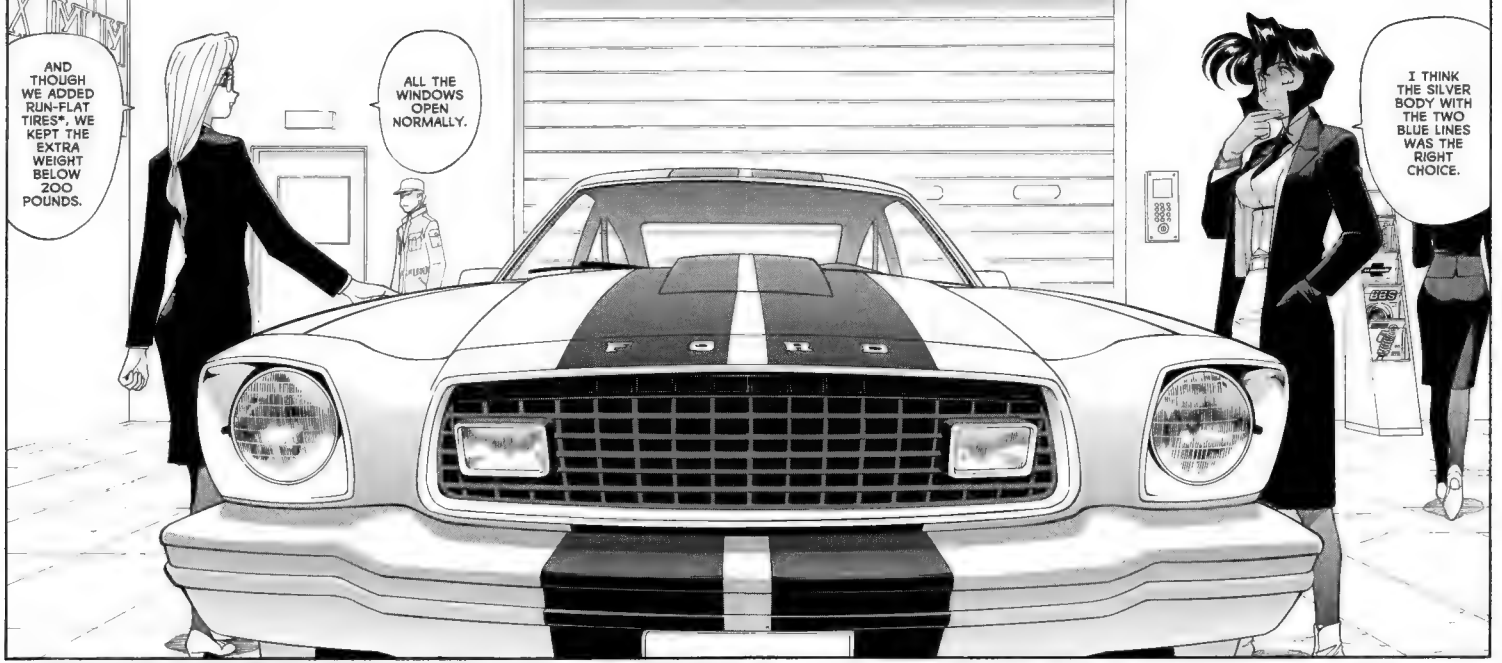
It is said that 12 gauge 00* 9 sphere buckshot (called a "9 shot" in Japan) is good for use against humans, but most police will use size 4 150 sphere casings when they are not looking to cause harm.

Casings with a single sphere of shot (often called a slug or solid shot) are used against doors and cars, but since shotguns are not made with rifling, either the shot is grooved, or the casing has it.

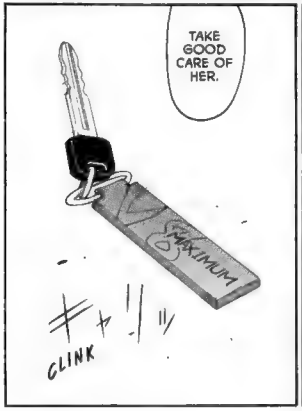


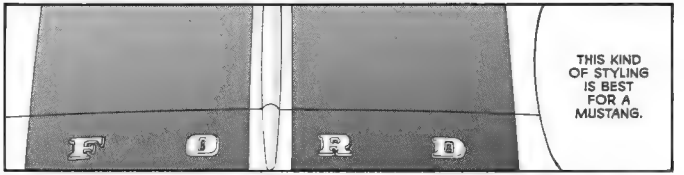
CHAPTER 19 THE MONEY-SUCKING CAR

IT'S GOOD! THE PAINT JOB IS PERFECT AND MAKES IT LOOK BRAND NEW!
HOW'S IT LOOK?
WE ADDED THE ARMOR LIKE YOU ASKED, BUT SINCE IT WAS ONLY GRADE ONE, WE WERE ABLE TO PRESERVE THE ORIGINAL LINES OF BOTH THE EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR.
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S THE SAME BULLET-RIDDLED KING COBRA.
JUST LIKE I IMAGINED IT.
AMERICAN MOTOR SPIRITS


AND THOUGH WE ADDED RUN-FLAT TIRES*, WE KEPT THE EXTRA WEIGHT BELOW 200 POUNDS.
ALL THE WINDOWS OPEN NORMALLY.
I THINK THE SILVER BODY WITH THE TWO BLUE LINES WAS THE RIGHT CHOICE.
FORD

*CAN BE DRIVEN SAFELY FOR A SHORT DISTANCE EVEN WHEN FLAT. BUT ARE VERY HEAVY





MMM.
LET'S BE FRIENDS. KING COBRA.
チャリン
GRAB
YOU GOT IT!
BRD 529
I'M SORRY...
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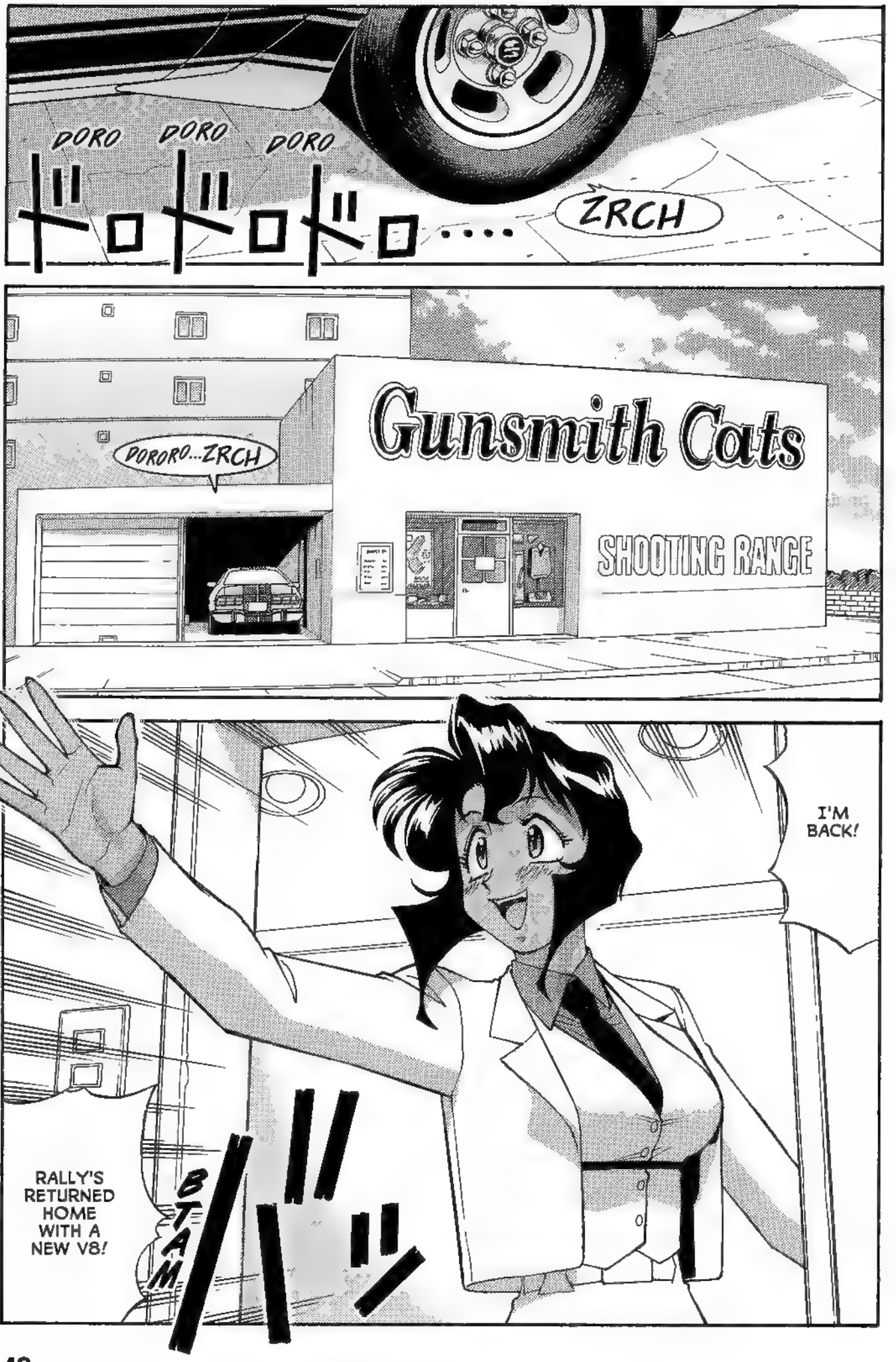
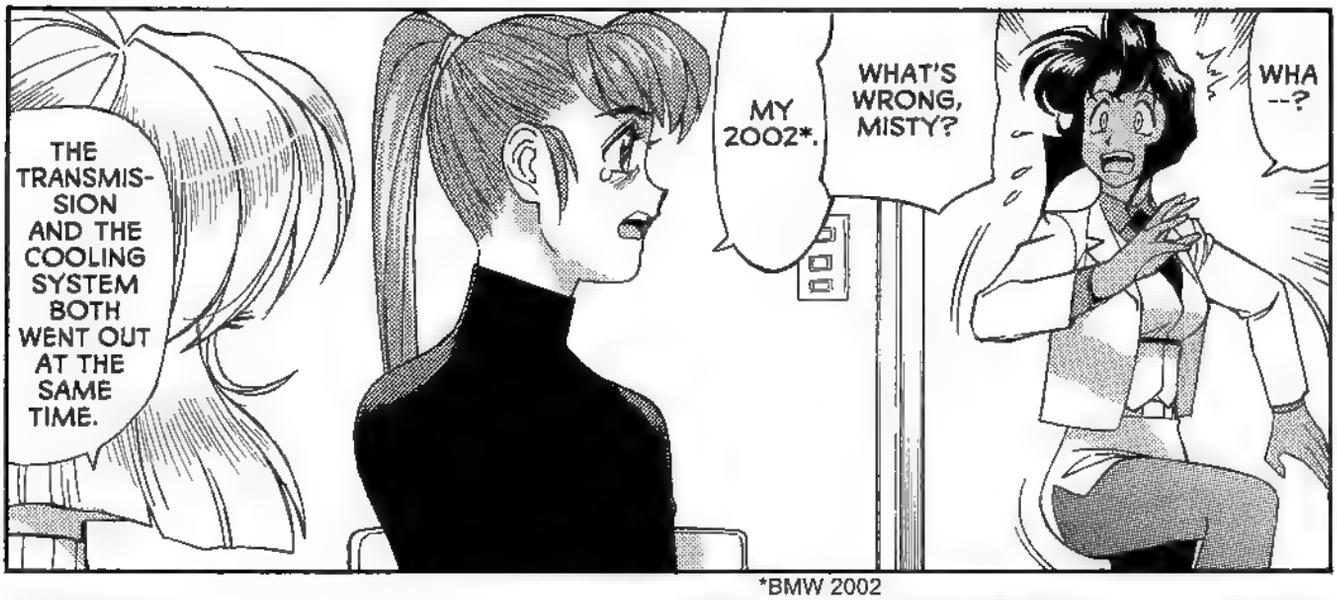

DORO DORO DORO
ドロドロドロ....
ZRCH
DORORO...ZRCH
Gunsmith Cats
SHOOTING RANGE
I'M BACK!
RALLY'S RETURNED HOME WITH A NEW V8!
BTAM

WELCOME HOME, RALLY.
RALLY.
OH.


THE TRANSMIS-SION AND THE COOLING SYSTEM BOTH WENT OUT AT THE SAME TIME.
MY 2002*.
WHAT'S WRONG, MISTY?
WHA --?

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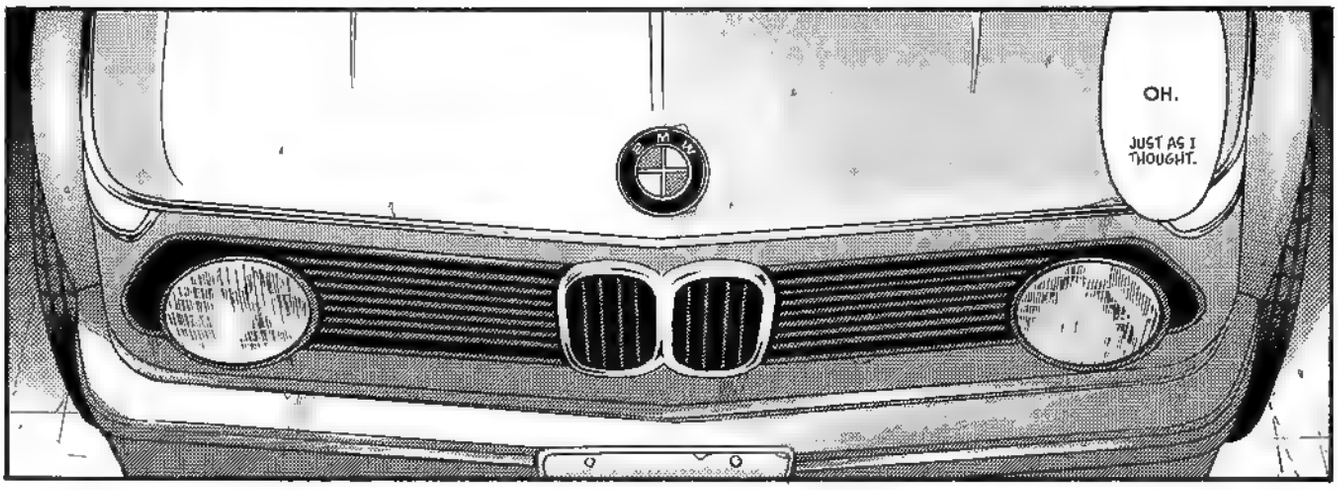
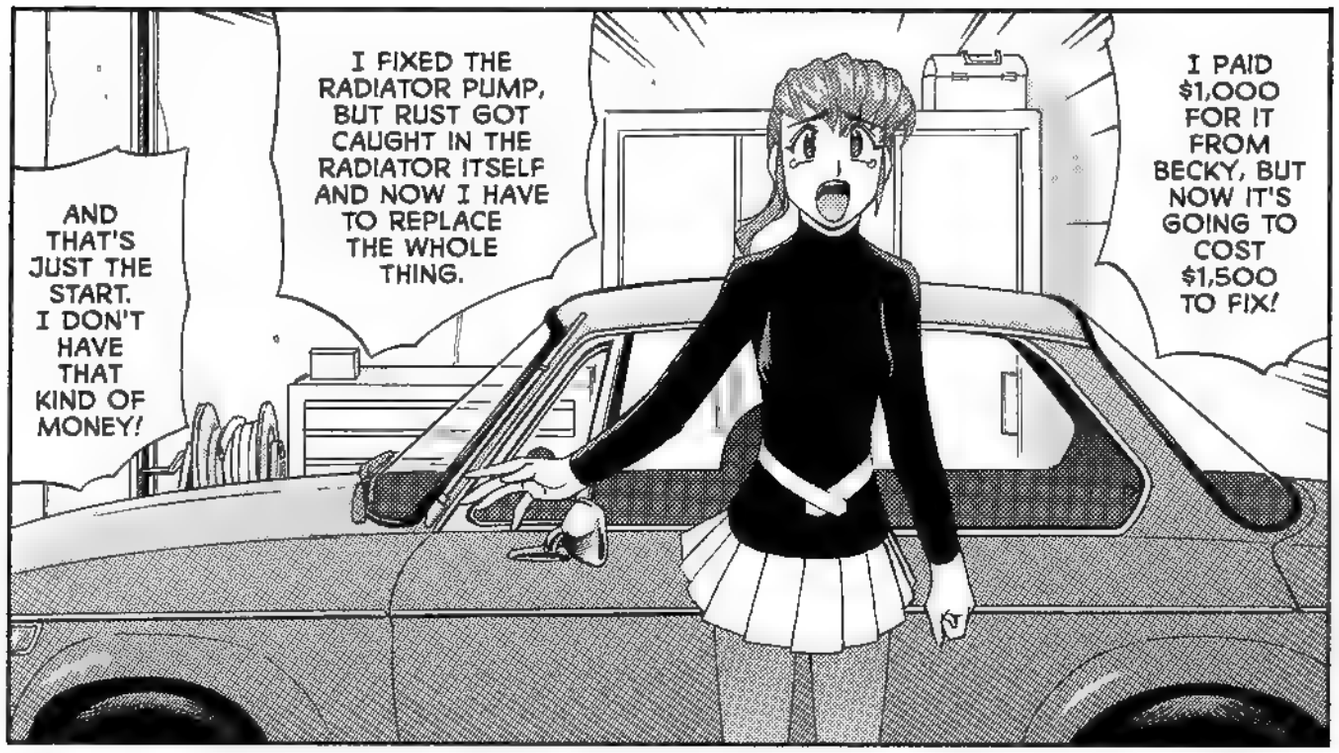

OH.
JUST AS I THOUGHT.


I FIXED THE RADIATOR PUMP, BUT RUST GOT CAUGHT IN THE RADIATOR ITSELF AND NOW I HAVE TO REPLACE THE WHOLE THING.
I PAID $1,000 FOR IT FROM BECKY, BUT NOW IT'S GOING TO COST $1,500 TO FIX!
AND THAT'S JUST THE START. I DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF MONEY!

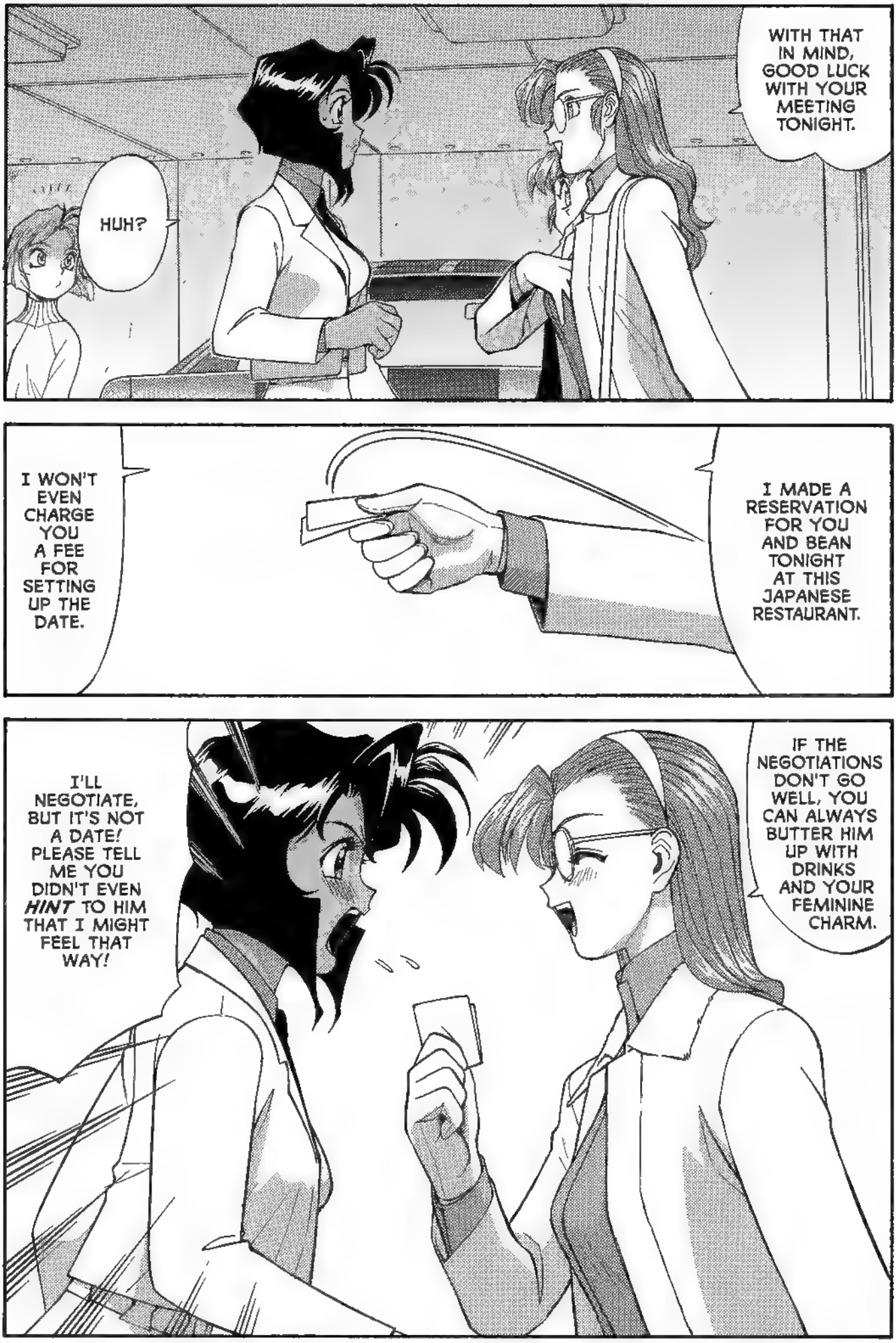
YOU BOUGHT IT WITHOUT ASKING OUR ADVICE.
MISTY. YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN SUSPICIOUS WHEN BECKY SAID SHE WOULD LET IT GO FOR $1,000.
NOW YOU SAY SOMETH-- HEY! WHAT ABOUT THE MONEY WE GOT FROM HOWARD?

I'M GOING TO TALK TO BEAN ABOUT IT TODAY.

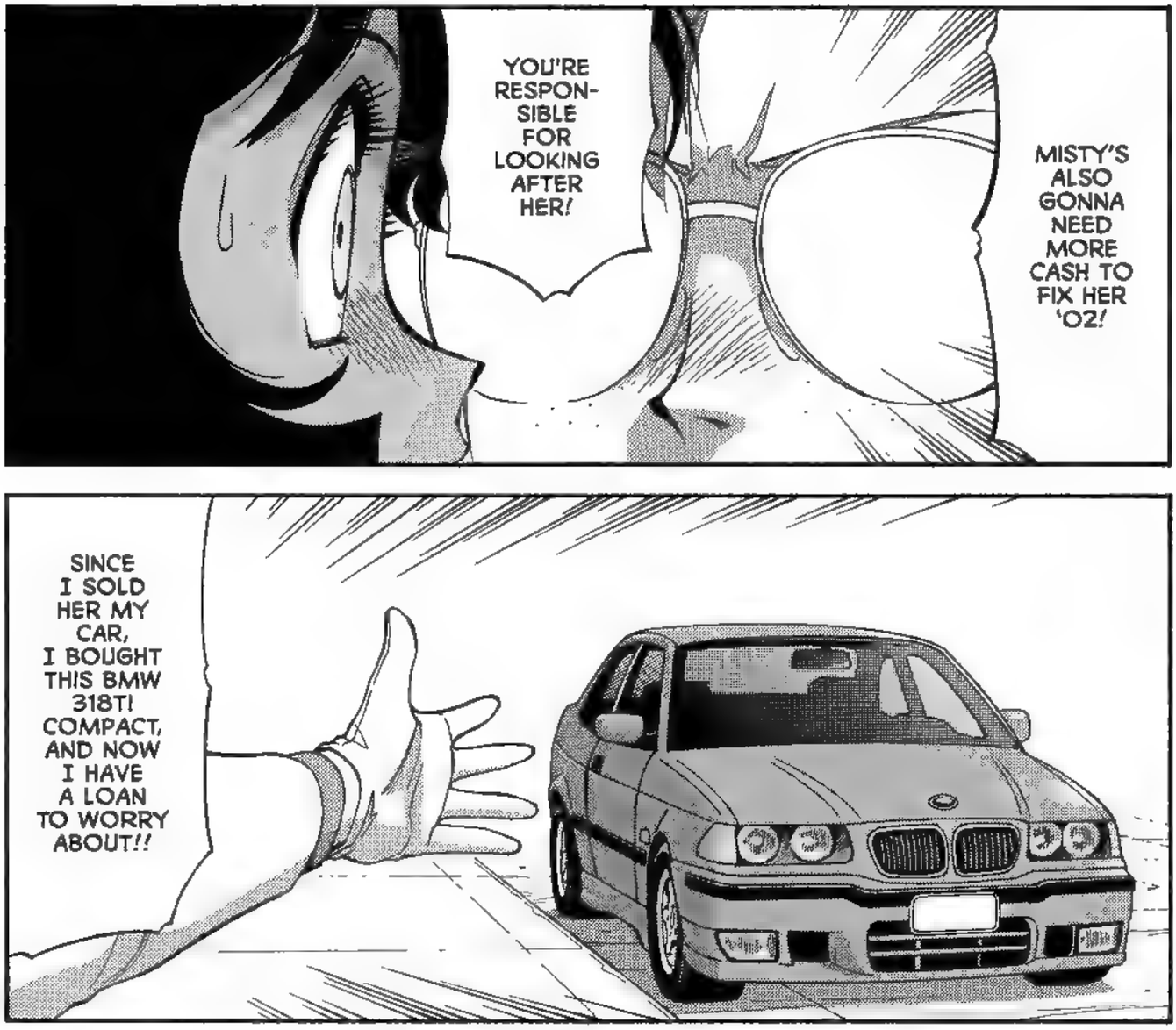
PLEASE!
CAN I HAVE MY SHARE NOW?

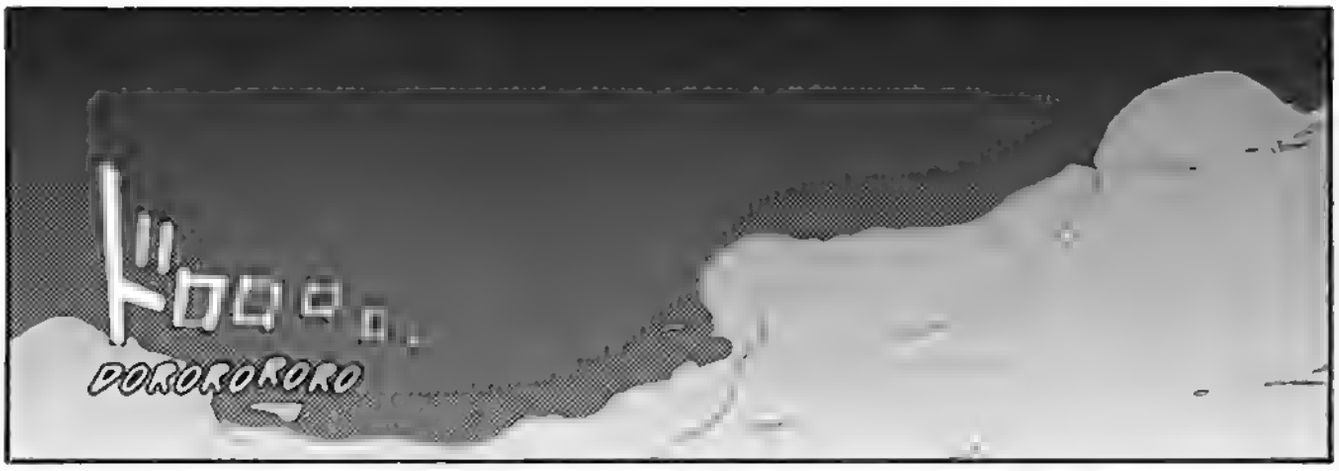
THINGS STILL HAVEN'T COOLED OFF YET.
BECKY! HOW COULD YOU?!
BECKY.
THE FEDS ARE STILL INVESTIGATING HOWARD.
I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS *THAT* BAD!
I TOLD YOU I WAS SELLING IT CHEAP BECAUSE IT WASN'T IN THE BEST OF SHAPE.

HOW DO YOU KNOW?
YEP.
MY MAIN ACCOUNT HAS BEEN CHECKED FOUR TIMES
IS THE FBI STILL KEEPING AN EYE ON OUR ACCOUNTS?
ARE YOU SURE BECKY?
THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS I CAME TODAY.
HIS KIND ALWAYS HAS A LOT OF CASH ON HAND.
IT WOULD BE BETTER TO GET CASH FROM BEAN THAN TO HAVE HIM WIRE IT.
nsmith Cats
WE ALL HAVE AN INTEREST IN WHAT YOU DO.
HE SAID HE'D ONLY NEGOTIATE WITH YOU ABOUT THE MONEY.


WITH THAT IN MIND, GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR MEETING TONIGHT.
HUH?
I WON'T EVEN CHARGE YOU A FEE FOR SETTING UP THE DATE.
I MADE A RESERVATION FOR YOU AND BEAN TONIGHT AT THIS JAPANESE RESTAURANT.
I'LL NEGOTIATE, BUT IT'S NOT A DATE! PLEASE TELL ME YOU DIDN'T EVEN *HINT* TO HIM THAT I MIGHT FEEL THAT WAY!
IF THE NEGOTIATIONS DON'T GO WELL, YOU CAN ALWAYS BUTTER HIM UP WITH DRINKS AND YOUR FEMININE CHARM.

THAT'S YOUR FAULT FOR COUNTING YOUR CHICKENS BEFORE THEY HATCHED!
IF YOU ADD EVERY-THING UP, IT ONLY COMES OUT TO THREE MILLION!
WHOSE FAULT IS IT THAT OUR CUT FROM HOWARD HAS SHRUNK SO MUCH?!
I DID. BUT THAT'S NOT THE POINT.
YOU KNOW THAT BEAN IS HOLDING ON TO THE MONEY UNTIL EVERYTHING COOLS OFF!
WITH EQUAL SHARES, THAT COMES OUT TO 750 GRAND EACH! I'VE ONLY GOTTEN 30 GRAND SO FAR!
I DON'T CARE IF IT'S 30 GRAND OR 50 GRAND. I NEED CASH NOW!
THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO CONVINCE HIM TO GIVE IT TO US IN CASH!


YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR LOOKING AFTER HER!
MISTY'S ALSO GONNA NEED MORE CASH TO FIX HER '02!
SINCE I SOLD HER MY CAR, I BOUGHT THIS BMW 318TI COMPACT, AND NOW I HAVE A LOAN TO WORRY ABOUT!!
ANOTHER BMW.
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SO UPSET
YOU BOUGHT YOURSELF A NEW CAR?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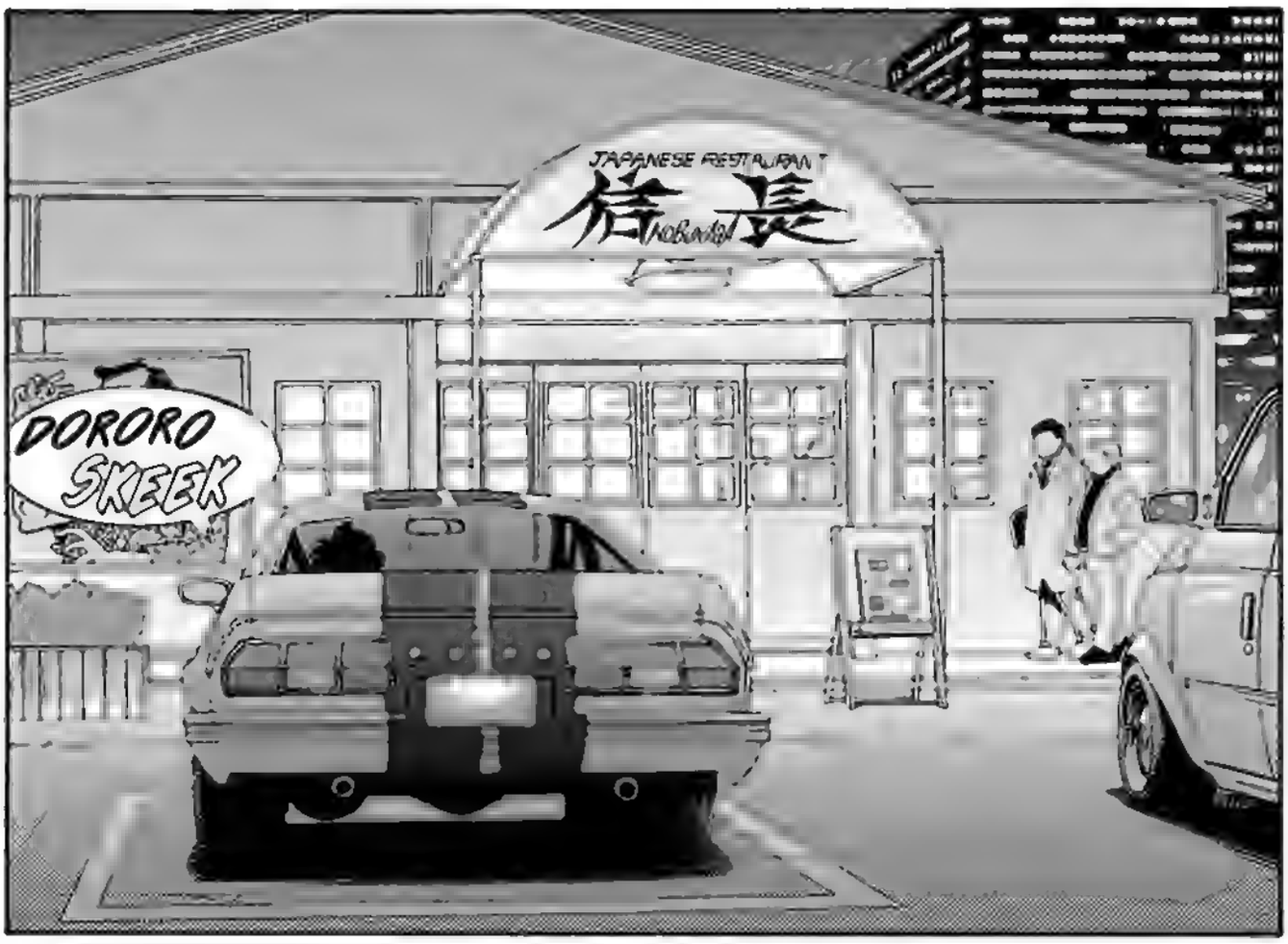
JAPANESE RESTAURANT
信長
NOBUNAGA


JAPANESE RESTAURANT
信長
DORORO
SKEEK

I HAVE A RESERVATION UNDER THE NAME OF SMITH.
YES. OF COURSE. COME THIS WAY, DOSUE.
WELCOME! DOSUE.
WE HAVE A PRIVATE ROOM FOR YOU OVER HERE.
YOUR GUEST IS ALREADY HERE.
JUST PRESS THE BUTTON WHEN YOU'RE READY TO ORDER.
DOSUE.
NINJA
CHAK

ガチャ…
GACHA
LET ME MAKE THIS CLEAR. THIS ISN'T A DATE.
OF COURSE. MISS FOWLER MADE THAT VERY CLEAR.
I'VE ALREADY STARTED.
HEY THERE.
I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT JAPANESE FOOD, BUT THIS ODEN IS PRETTY GOOD.
BUBBLE
SIT DOWN AND HAVE SOME.

I'VE BROUGHT SOME CASH.
I'VE HEARD THAT THEY'VE STOPPED TAILING ME.
DON'T MIND IF I DO. ABOUT THE MONEY, THOUGH...
I'M WORRIED THAT THEY MIGHT STILL BE MONITORING MY ACCOUNTS.
I'D HOPED TO ASK FOR THE REMAINDER.
THUNK
HERE'S 100 GRAND.
HE'S CRAZY, BUT HE'S SCARY SMART.
IT'S THAT DAMN DETECTIVE PERCY!
SURELY YOU HAVE SOME HIDDEN ACCOUNTS.

HE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO TALK TO SAVE HIS WIFE AND KIDS.
WHILE HE WAS BEING INVESTI-GATED, HE GOT A CALL FROM HIS WIFE THAT SOMEONE SHOT HIS DOG.
HE ARRESTED THE GUY WHO OVERSEES MY FAKE ACCOUNTS. HE SPILLED THE BEANS ON EVERYTHING.
WHAT AN AMATEUR.
NAW. I DIDN'T LEAVE ONE SHRED OF PAPER EVIDENCE SO THERE'S NO WAY THE COURT WILL APPROVE TAKING THEM.
SO THE ACCOUNTS WERE SEIZED?
NOW I JUST NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT PERCY BEFORE HE GETS TO MY OTHER ACCOUNTS.
PHOO
BUT IT MAY BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE TO MOVE LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH.
HE MAY JUST HAVE TO DIE.

HE'LL DIE IN AN ACCI-DENT
I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH KILLING COPS
DURING THE ILLEGAL V8 ROAD RACE THAT WE'RE BOTH SIGNED UP FOR

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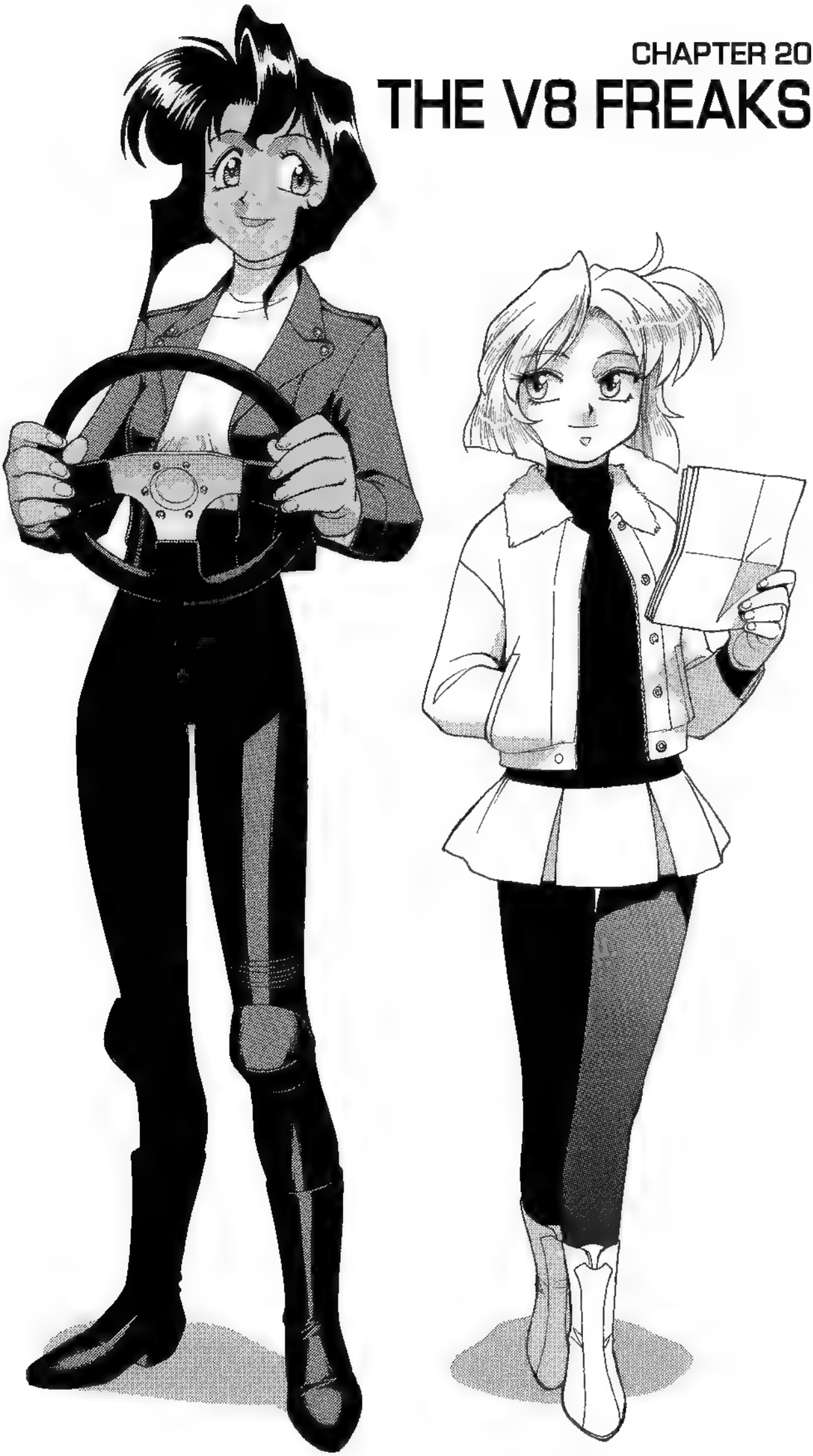
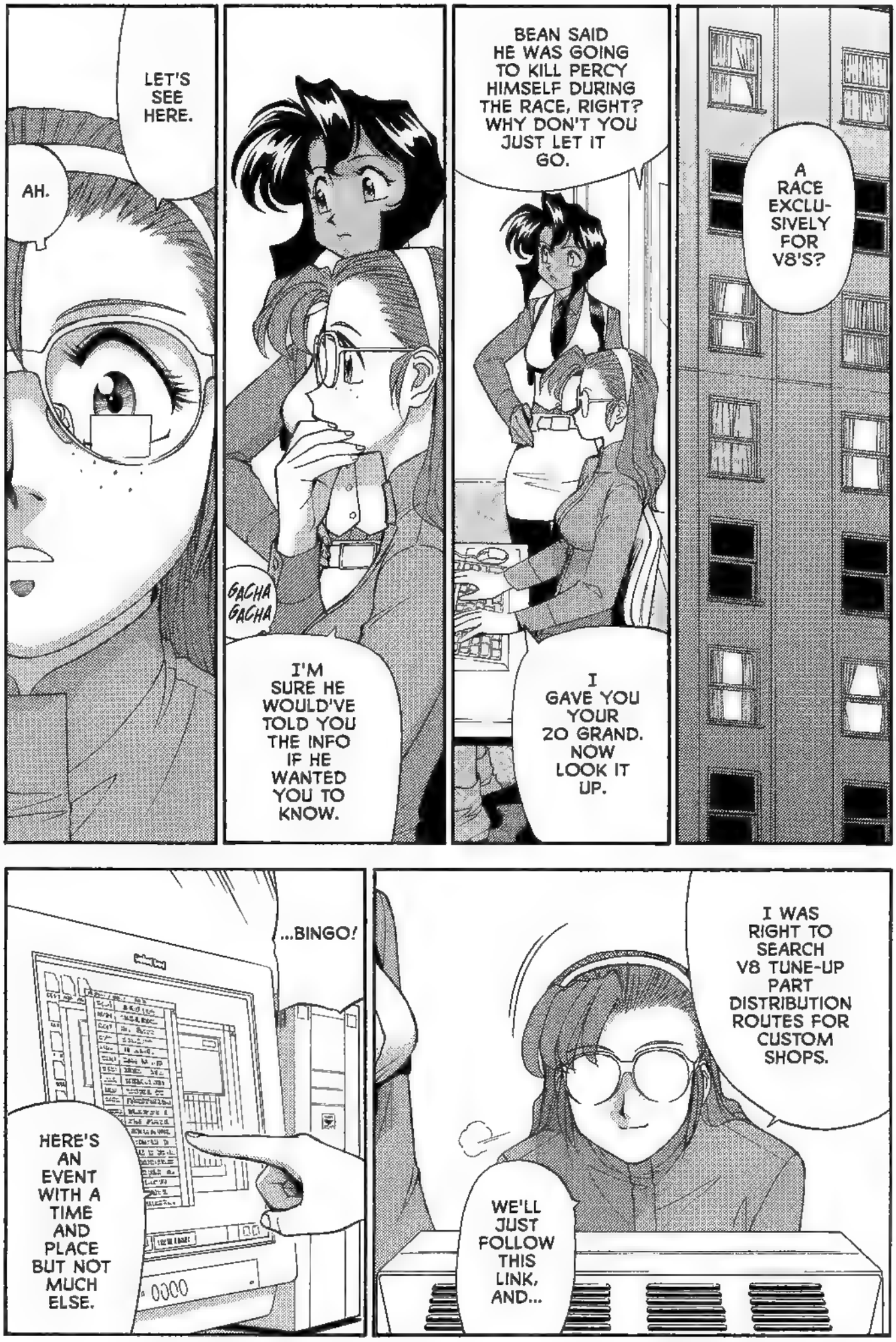
CHAPTER 20

THE V8 FREAKS



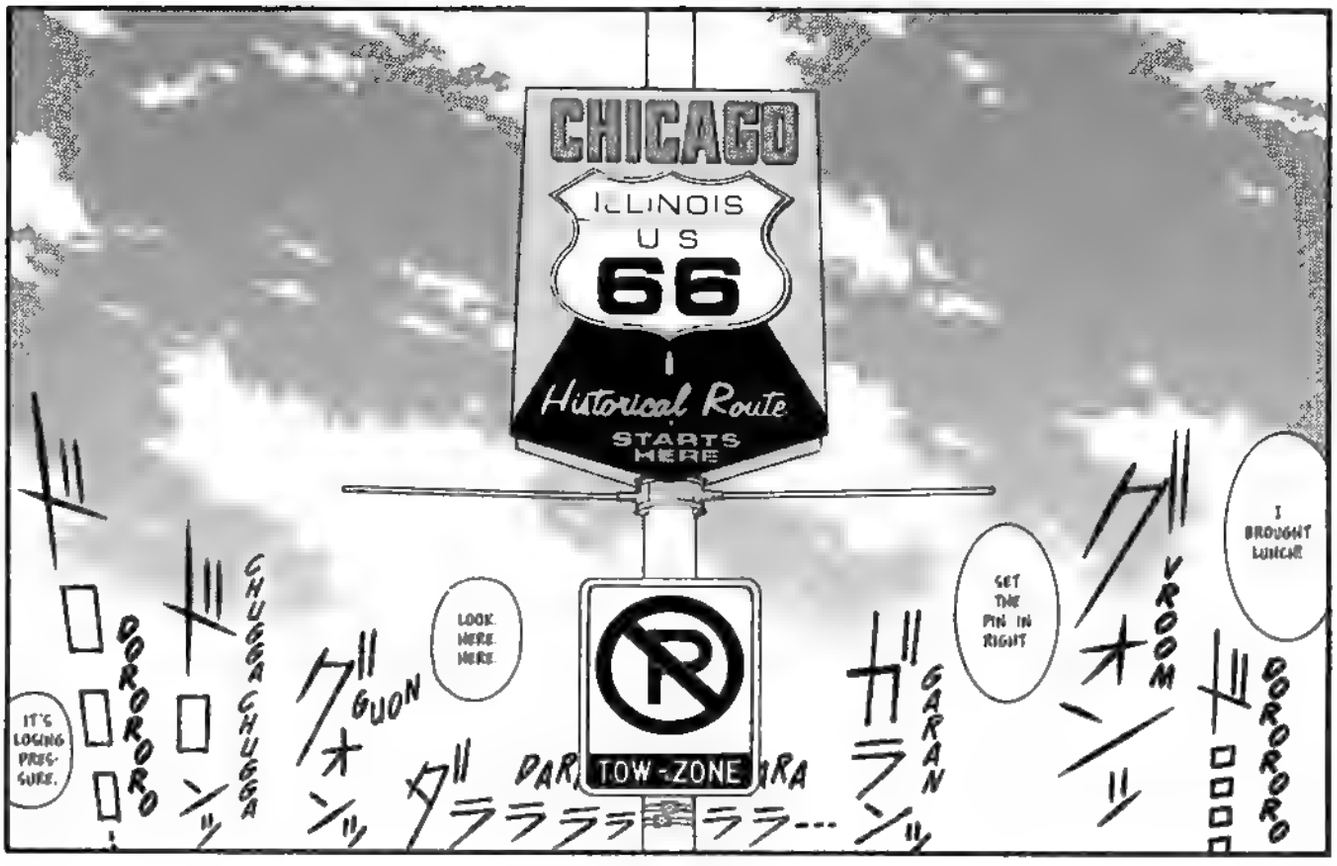

LET'S SEE HERE.
AH.
GACHA GACHA
I'M SURE HE WOULD'VE TOLD YOU THE INFO IF HE WANTED YOU TO KNOW.
BEAN SAID HE WAS GOING TO KILL PERCY HIMSELF DURING THE RACE, RIGHT? WHY DON'T YOU JUST LET IT GO.
I GAVE YOU YOUR 20 GRAND. NOW LOOK IT UP.
A RACE EXCLU-SIVELY FOR V8'S?
...BINGO!
HERE'S AN EVENT WITH A TIME AND PLACE BUT NOT MUCH ELSE.
I WAS RIGHT TO SEARCH V8 TUNE-UP PART DISTRIBUTION ROUTES FOR CUSTOM SHOPS.
WE'LL JUST FOLLOW THIS LINK, AND...

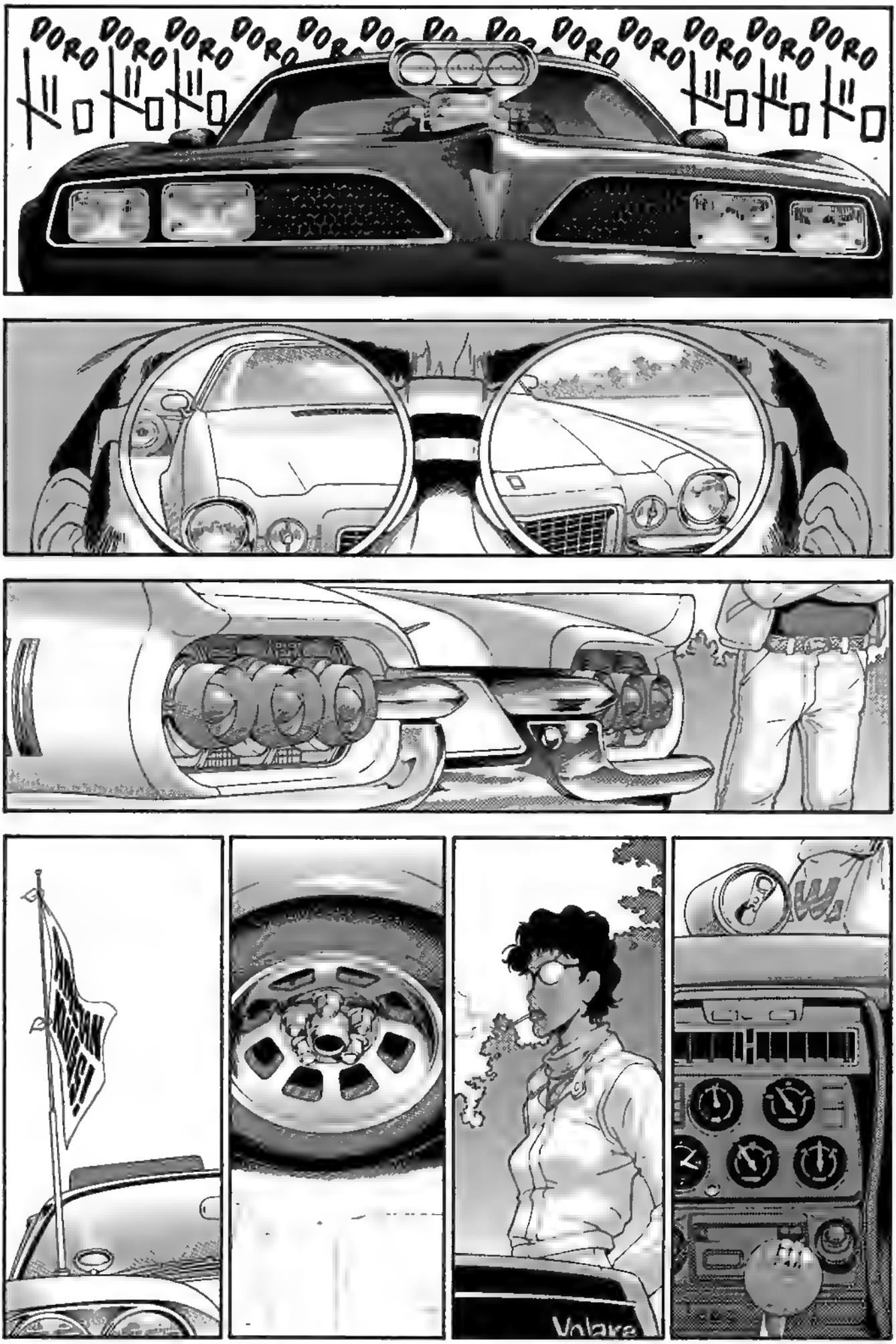
DON'T WORRY. I HAVE NO INTENTION OF GETTING MIXED UP IN BEAN'S SCHEME TO KILL A POLICE-MAN.
I SHOULD HOPE NOT!
THAT'S WHY I NEED YOU TO FIND INFORMATION, TO SEE IF I HAVE TO.
I'M CURIOUS TO KNOW HOW BEAN FOUND OUT DETECTIVE PERCY WOULD BE PARTICIPATING.
DOES IT SAY HOW TO SIGN UP OR GIVE ANY INFO ON THE PARTICI-PANTS?
YOU'RE NOT THINKING OF ENTER-ING?
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AT THE SHOPS ARE SECRETLY GIVING OUT INFORMA-TION.
I CAN'T SEEM TO FIND A PARTICI-PANTS LIST.
HMM.
THAT'S WHERE YOU BOUGHT YOUR KING COBRA.
V8 MAXI-MUM.
WHAT? WHERE?
THIS PLACE TOO?

SHHH
HHH
PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT, RALLY.
V8 MAXIMUM
WELCOME
AMERICAN MOTOR SPIRITS
HEY! HARMAN!
I WASN'T IN THE BUSINESS FOUR YEARS AGO.
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU JUST HEARD ABOUT IT.
IT'S HELD EVERY FOUR YEARS.
PATAN
...PLEASE STEP IN HERE.
IF YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT THAT...

THAT'S QUITE A FEAT.
YOU'VE BEEN A BOUNTY HUNTER FOR OVER TWO YEARS NOW.
TWEN-TY-THREE.
FOUR YEARS YOUNGER THAN ME?!
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS SHOP'S WEBSITE.
I SEE.
PUR-CHASING THE STICKER IS YOUR ENTRY FEE.
$1,000 ?!
THAT STICKER? HUH?!
$100000
CLICK HERE.
カコ! CLICK
WAIT! DON'T BUY IT HERE.
I'D HAVE TO ERASE THE ENTIRE HISTORY FROM THE COMPUTER SO IT CAN'T BE TRACED.
IT'S SAFE BECAUSE NORMAL PEOPLE WOULDN'T PAY THAT MUCH FOR A STICKER.

WHAT'S THE PRIZE MONEY?
WITH THE MONEY FROM THE BETTING POOL, IT'S OVER $100,000.
THERE'S A RUMOR THAT THE POLICE WILL BE WATCHING VERY CLOSELY THIS YEAR.
I CAN SEE HOW YOU'D BE SENSITIVE ABOUT AN ILLEGAL RACE.
I HAVEN'T SEEN THE LIST, BUT THEY COULD BE.
ARE THE PARTICI-PANTS THAT DANGER-OUS?


CHICAGO
ILLINOIS
US
66
Historical Route
STARTS HERE
TOW-ZONE
IT'S LOSING PRES-SURE.
DORORORO
CHUGGA CHUGGA
GUON
LOOK HERE HERE
SET THE PIN IN RIGHT
GARAN
VROOM
I BROUGHT LUNCH!
DORORORO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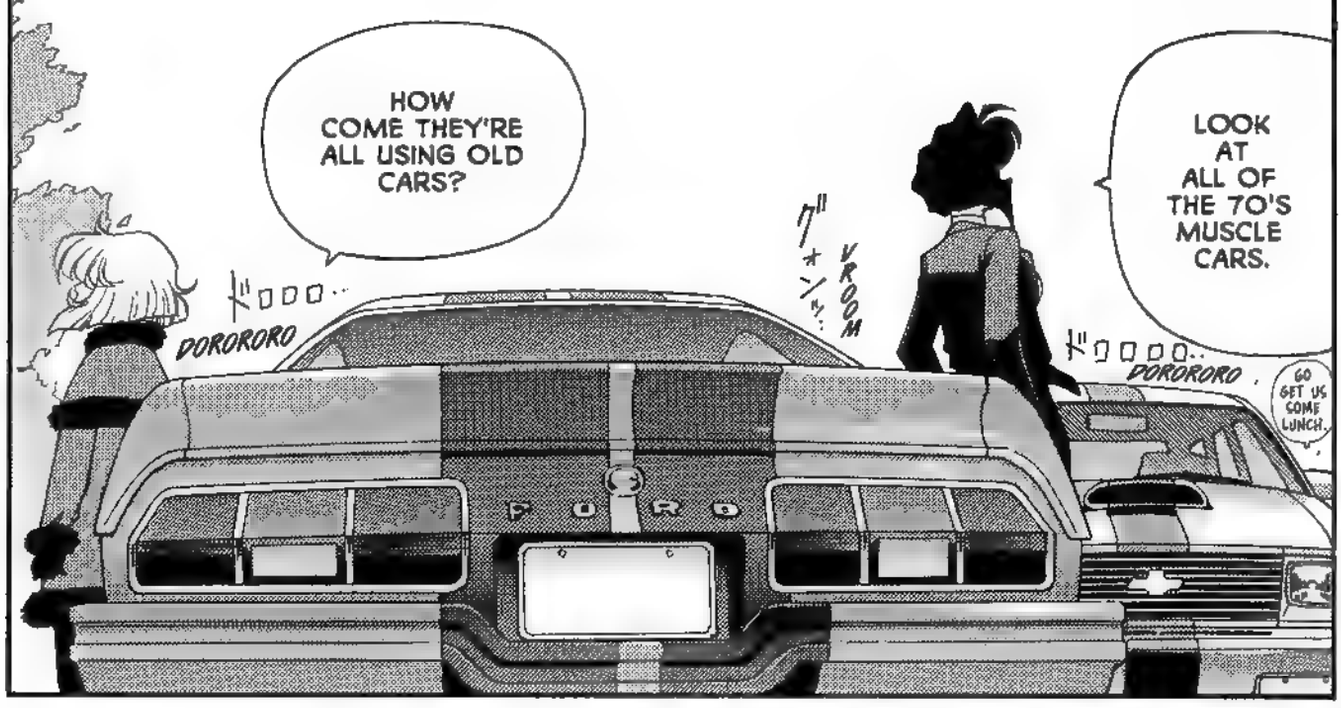
HOW COME THEY'RE ALL USING OLD CARS?
LOOK AT ALL OF THE 70'S MUSCLE CARS.
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グォーン
VROOM
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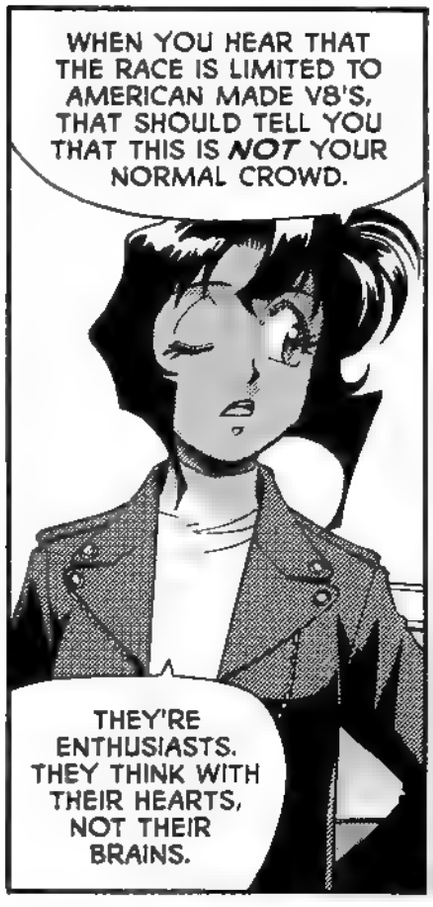
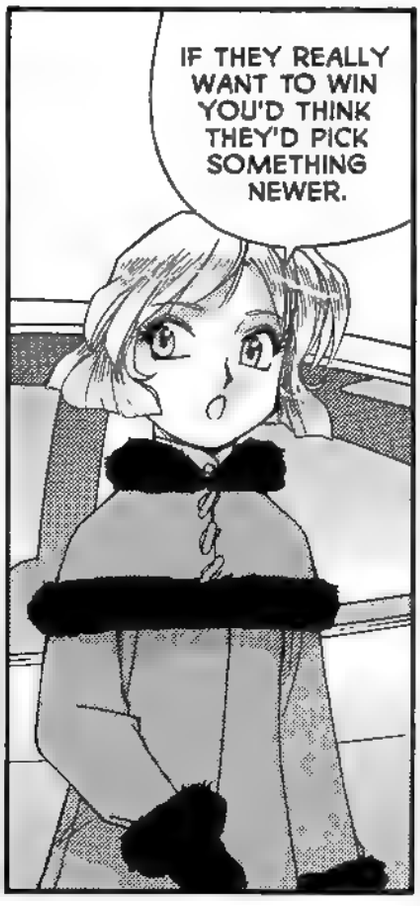
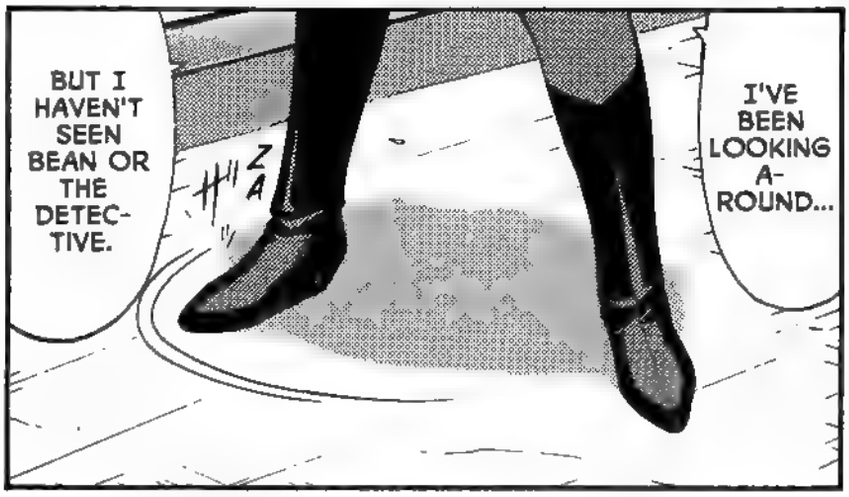
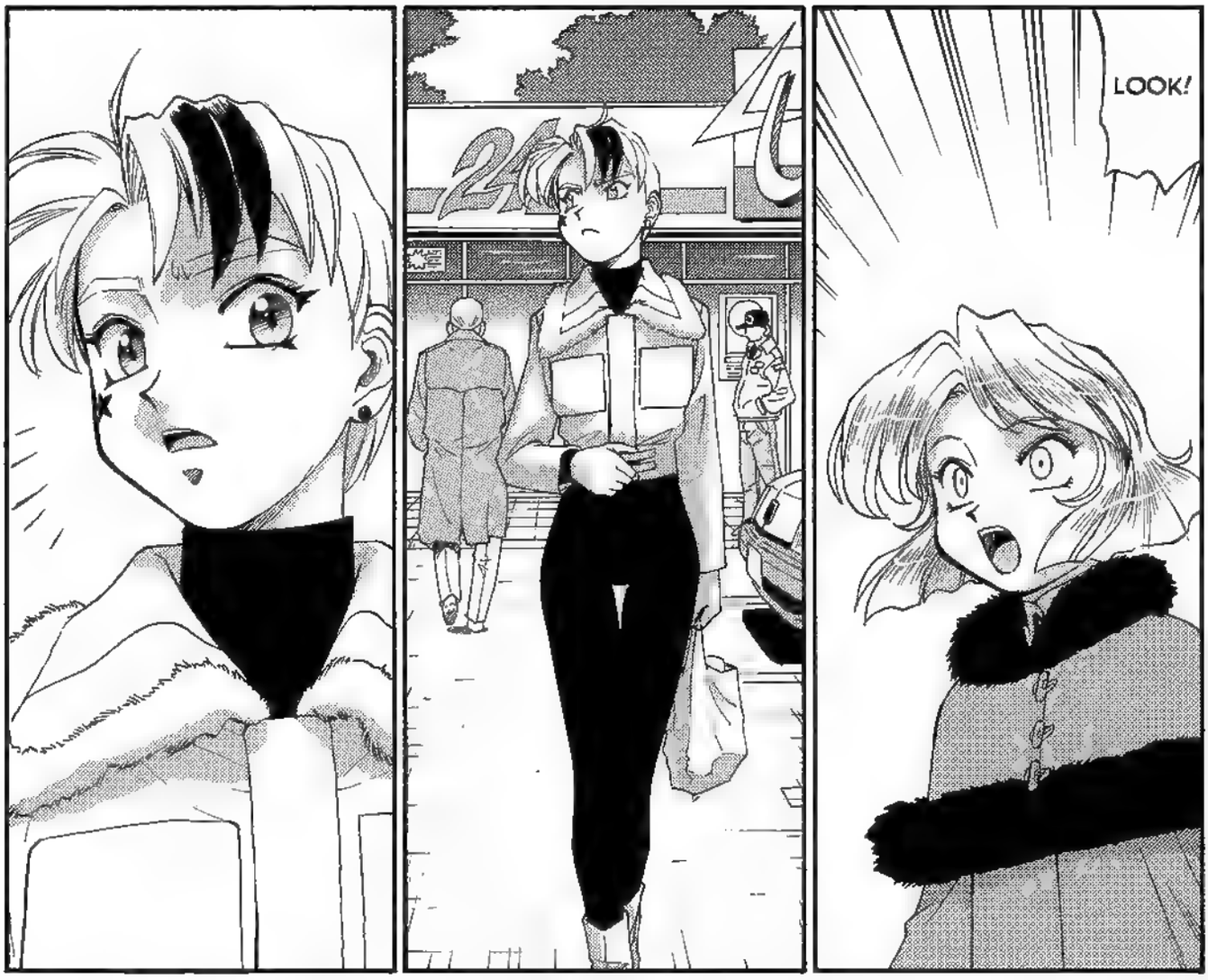
DORORORO
GO GET US SOME LUNCH.
P U R O


WHEN YOU HEAR THAT THE RACE IS LIMITED TO AMERICAN MADE V8'S, THAT SHOULD TELL YOU THAT THIS IS *NOT* YOUR NORMAL CROWD.
THEY'RE ENTHUSIASTS. THEY THINK WITH THEIR HEARTS, NOT THEIR BRAINS.


IF THEY REALLY WANT TO WIN YOU'D THINK THEY'D PICK SOMETHING NEWER.


BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN BEAN OR THE DETEC-TIVE.
I'VE BEEN LOOKING A-ROUND...
ZA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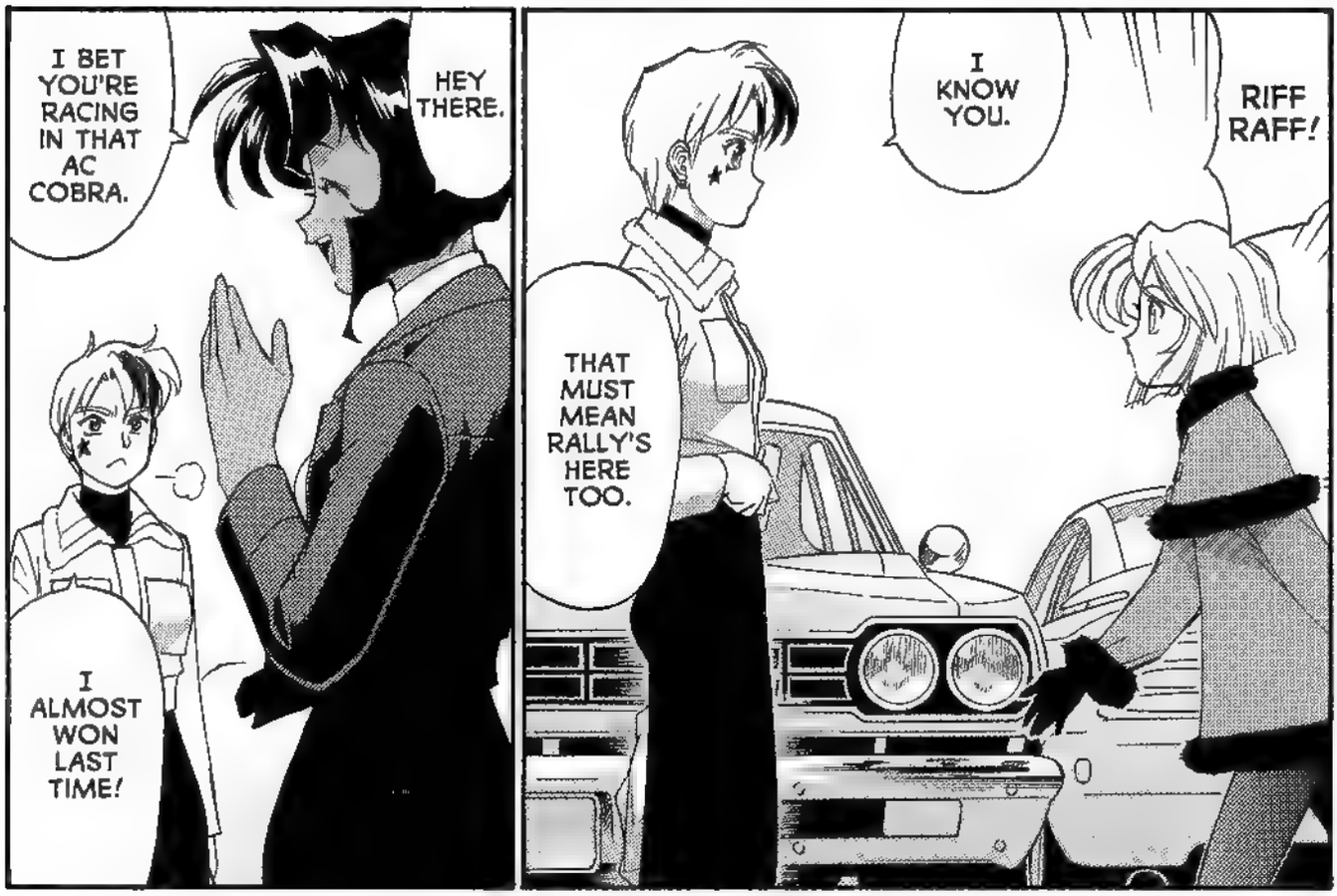
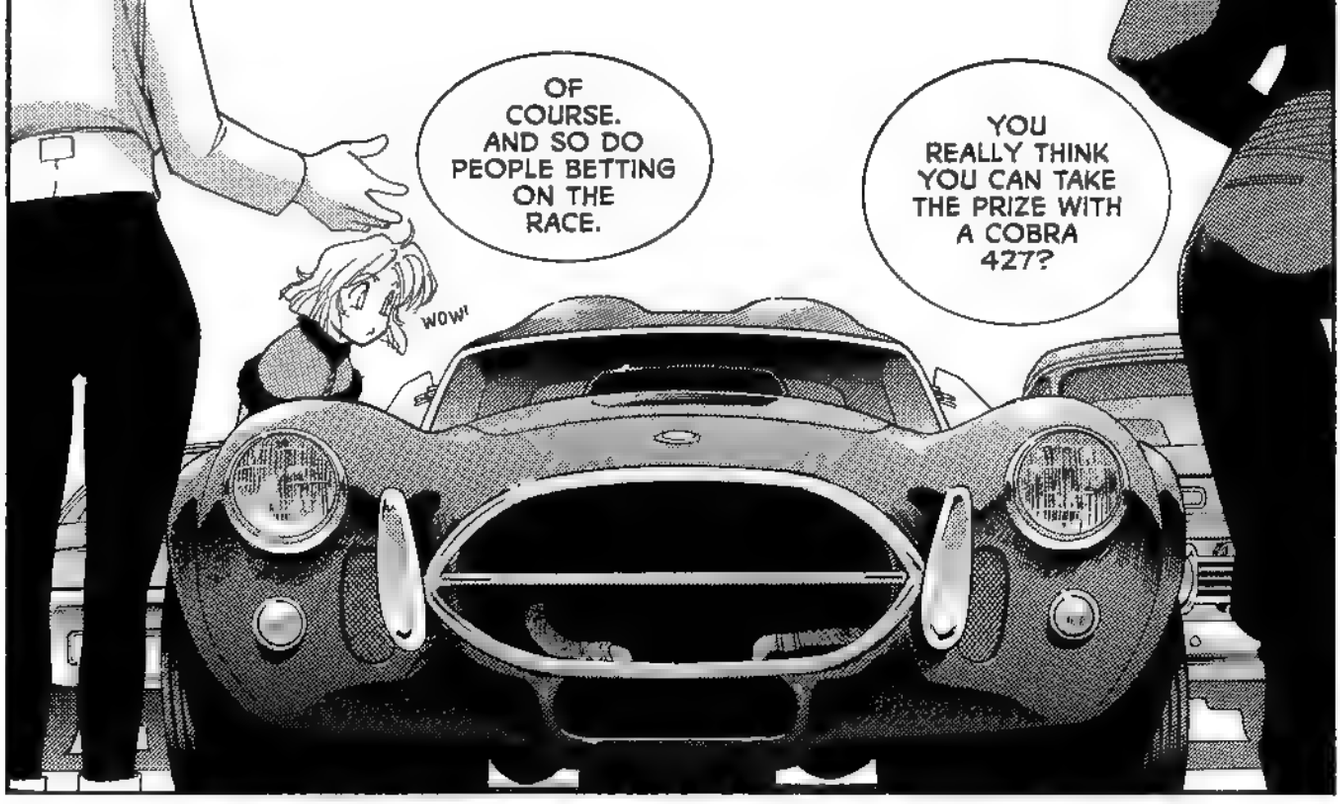
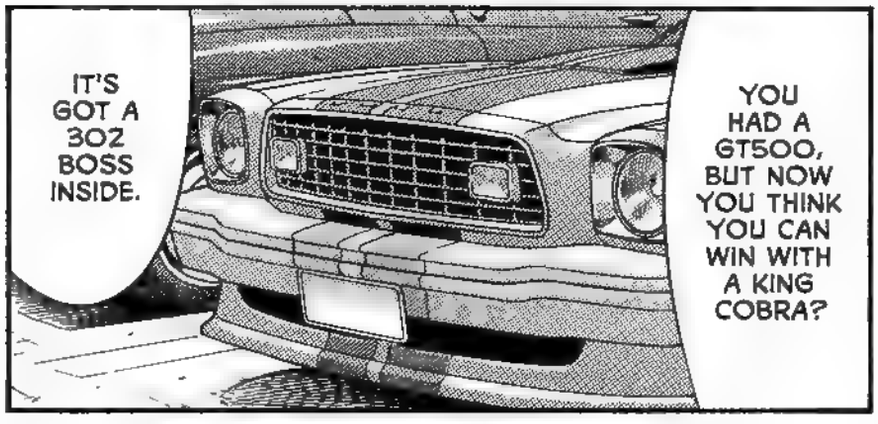
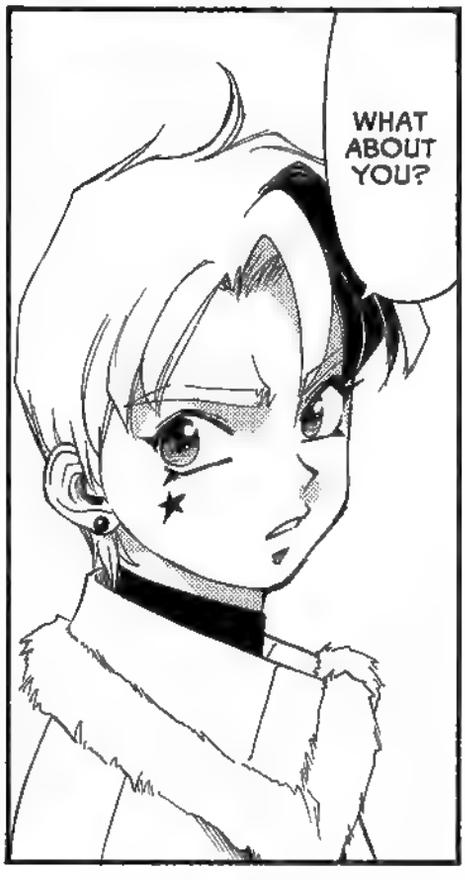
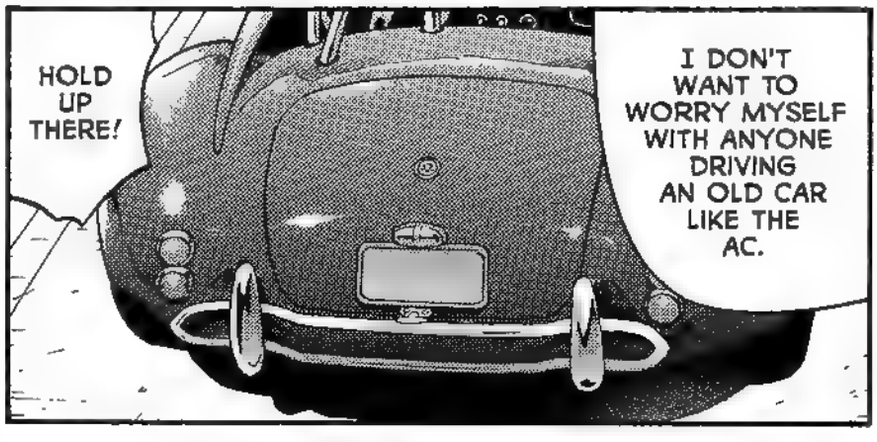

I BET YOU'RE RACING IN THAT AC COBRA.
HEY THERE.
I ALMOST WON LAST TIME!
THAT MUST MEAN RALLY'S HERE TOO.
I KNOW YOU.
RIFF RAFF!

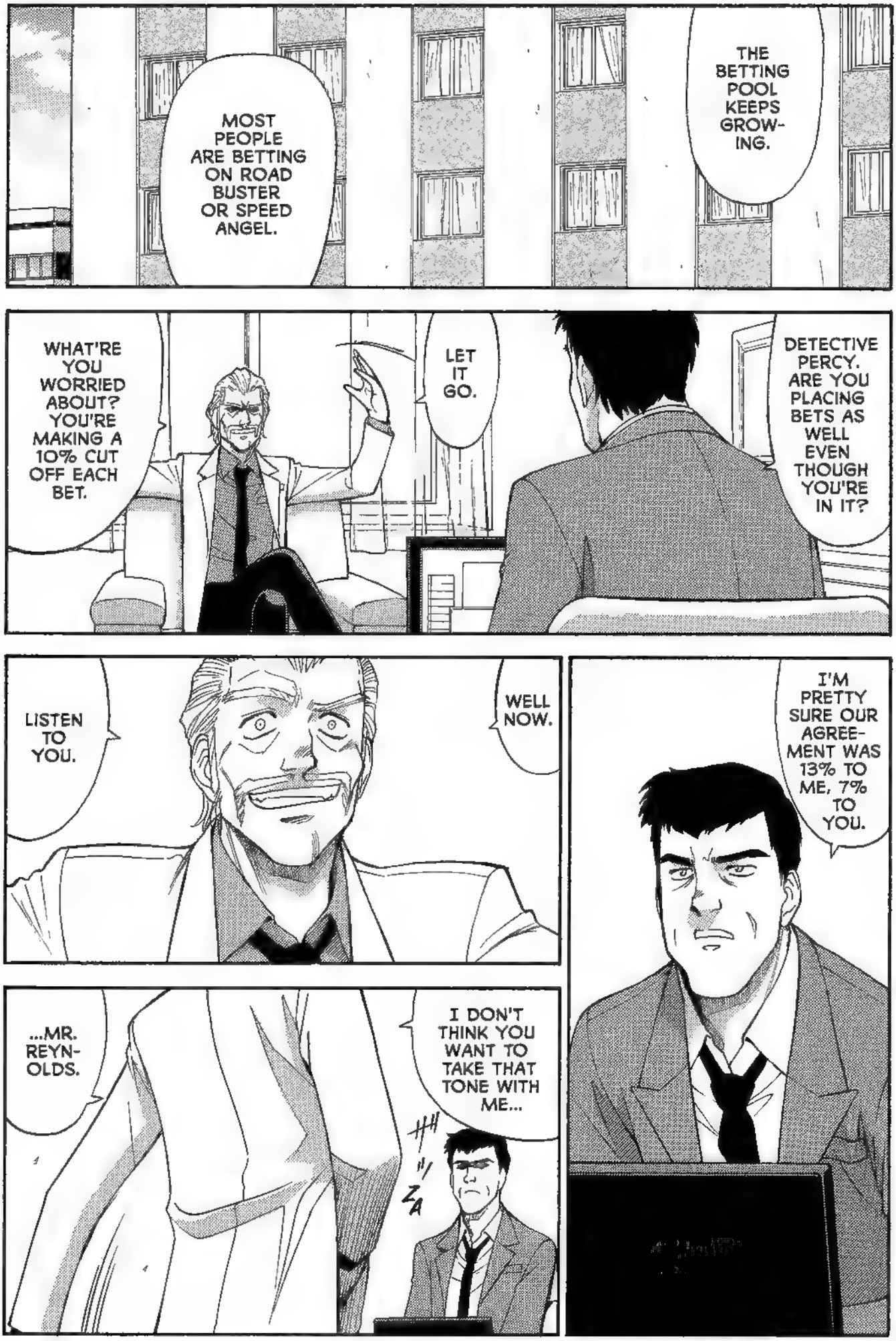

OF COURSE. AND SO DO PEOPLE BETTING ON THE RACE.
YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN TAKE THE PRIZE WITH A COBRA 427?
WOW!


IT'S GOT A 302 BOSS INSIDE.
YOU HAD A GT500, BUT NOW YOU THINK YOU CAN WIN WITH A KING COBRA?


WHAT ABOUT YOU?


HOLD UP THERE!
I DON'T WANT TO WORRY MYSELF WITH ANYONE DRIVING AN OLD CAR LIKE THE AC.

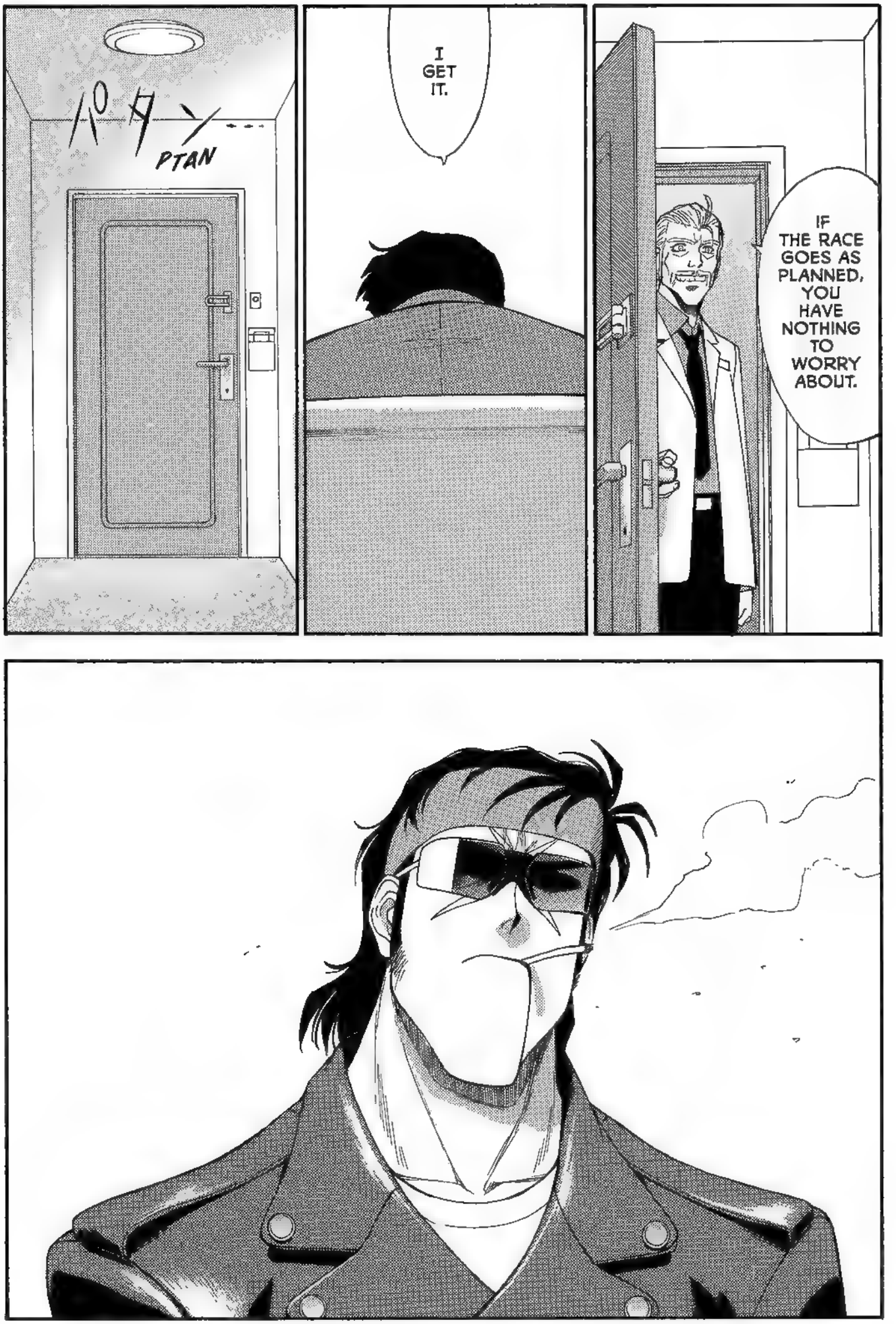
I REMEMBER WHEN A CERTAIN SOMEONE PANICKED AND HAD TO USE NITRO!
YOU'D DRIVE A BETTER RACE WITH THAT VIPER YOU USED TO HAVE.
THE AC COBRA WENT THROUGH A NUMBER OF REDESIGNS!


MOST PEOPLE ARE BETTING ON ROAD BUSTER OR SPEED ANGEL.
THE BETTING POOL KEEPS GROW-ING.
WHAT'RE YOU WORRIED ABOUT? YOU'RE MAKING A 10% CUT OFF EACH BET.
LET IT GO.
DETECTIVE PERCY. ARE YOU PLACING BETS AS WELL EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE IN IT?
LISTEN TO YOU.
WELL NOW.
I'M PRETTY SURE OUR AGREE-MENT WAS 13% TO ME, 7% TO YOU.
...MR. REYN-OLDS.
I DON'T THINK YOU WANT TO TAKE THAT TONE WITH ME...

USUALLY I'D DEMAND THE ENTIRE 20%.
I'M ONLY LETTING YOU GO BECAUSE YOU GAVE ME INFORMATION ON THE V8 RACE AND A CUT OF THE ACTION.
YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST BRUSH OFF THE LAW BECAUSE YOU'VE MADE OVER $100 MILLION IN ILLEGAL GAMBLING?
YOUR WIFE IS *QUITE* A BEAUTY.
I HAD A LOOK YESTER-DAY.
AND YOUR 12-YEAR OLD SON IS QUITE BRIGHT FOR HIS AGE.
I WISH I HAD SOME-ONE SO YOUNG AND BEAUTI-FUL.

WHAT WOULD HAP-PEN...
...IF A NUMBER OF YOUR MORE IMPORTANT CLIENTS WERE AR-RESTED?
I NEEDED SOME EXTRA INSURANCE SINCE I'M IN THE RACE AS WELL.
TAK
I'VE GIVEN IN TO ALL OF YOUR DEMANDS!
BUT EVERY-THING'S ALREADY IN PLACE IF NEEDED.
PU RU RU RU
YOU WOULD-N'T!
I CAN STOP THAT FROM HAPPENING, OF COURSE, SHOULD I FINISH THE RACE WITH NO PROBLEMS.
GI
AND WORD GOT OUT THAT IT WAS YOUR WIFE WHO TURNED OVER THE LIST TO THE POLICE?
ARK ROYAL
PIPE TOBACCO
FILTER CIGARETTES

MISTER REYNOLDS.
TELL YOUR MEN TO START THE RACE AS SCHEDULED.
POK
THAT'S ALL I NEEDED TO KNOW. I'M ON MY WAY.
ALL ACCORD-ING TO PLAN!
REALLY?
HE'S THERE?
IT'S ME. IS THAT YOU, DICK?
BIP
ZA
THERE'RE ALL SORTS OF BAD THINGS THAT COULD HAPPEN TO YOUR FAMILY.
CHAK
...DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT STOPPING THE POOL SO YOU PROTECT YOUR FRIENDS. AND DON'T TRY TO KILL ME DURING THE RACE.
FLICK
OH, AND...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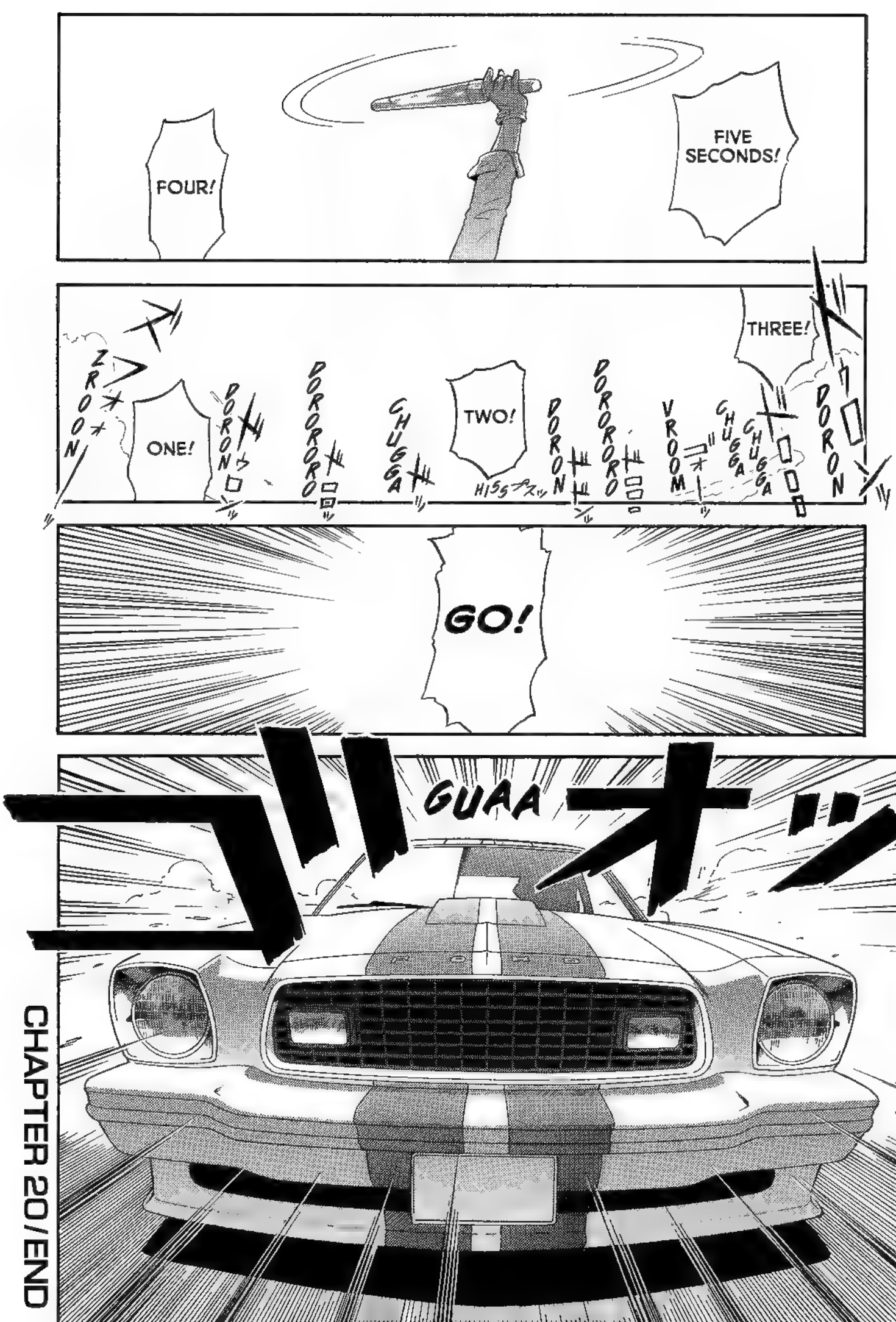
I GET IT.
IF THE RACE GOES AS PLANNED, YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

HE'S THE GUY WHO WON LAST TIME.
ROAD BUSTER.
SHIVER
GORO GORO GORO GORO
HE DRIVES A '70 CORVETTE. COOL.
HE'S *HUGE.* HE MUST BE SEVEN FEET TALL.
LOOK CLOSER. IT'S ACTUALLY A '69.
SHIVER
SHIVER
GOROROROROO...
...
...
...
...
I'VE HEARD HE HAS A 427 UNIT IN-SIDE.

WE'RE GETTING CLOSE TO START TIME!
LISTEN UP!
BE SURE TO PUT THE STICKER ON YOUR WINDSHIELD. WE'RE THREE MINUTES FROM THE STARTING GUN!
THEY HAVE TO CHANGE THE CHECK-POINTS ONCE THE POLICE CATCH ON.
YEAH.
KEEP YOUR CELL PHONES ON BECAUSE WE MIGHT HAVE TO CHANGE THE ROUTE MIDWAY!
ANY CARS THAT DON'T PASS THE CHECKPOINT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED!
HAVE YOU GOTTEN YOUR MAP?
BE SURE TO TURN YOUR CELL PHONES ON SO YOU GET THE FILE!

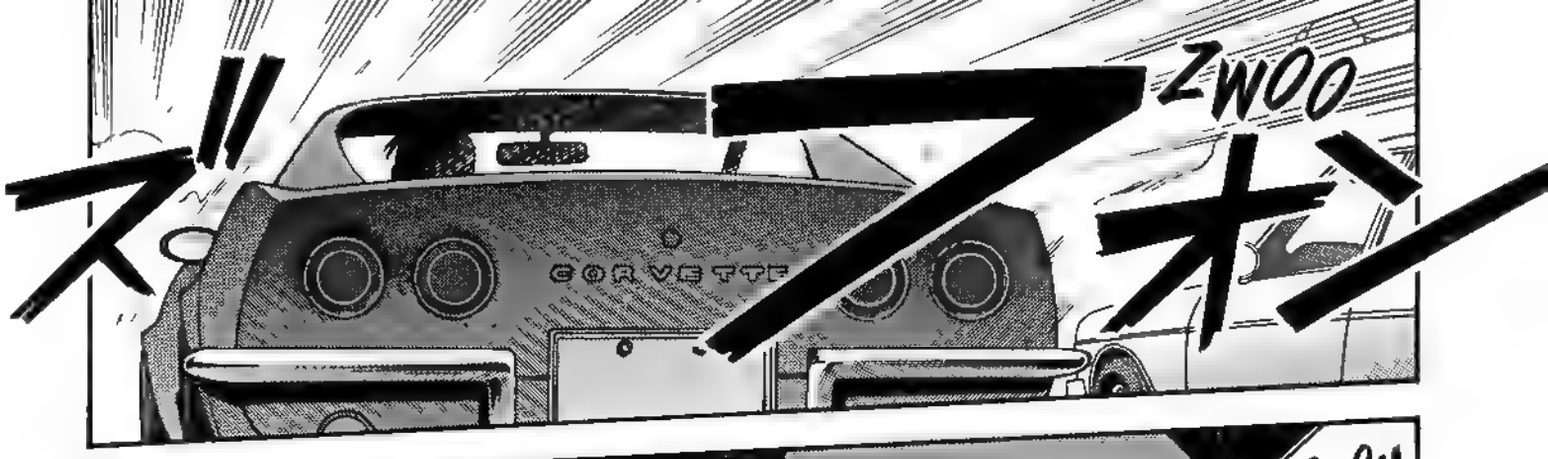
YEAH YEAH. GOTCHA.
DICK!
mach1
WHAT'S WITH THE WIG?
QUICK. GET IN. REYNOLDS IS ON BOARD.
HE MIGHT AL-READY KNOW.
SLAM
IT'LL BE HARDER TO KILL HIM IF HE'S ON THE LOOK-OUT.
I DON'T WANT ROAD BUSTER TO RECOG-NIZE ME.
AND THE INTERNET TOO.
DARORORO
THE RACE IS BEING BROADCAST OVER PIRATE RADIO.
VROOM

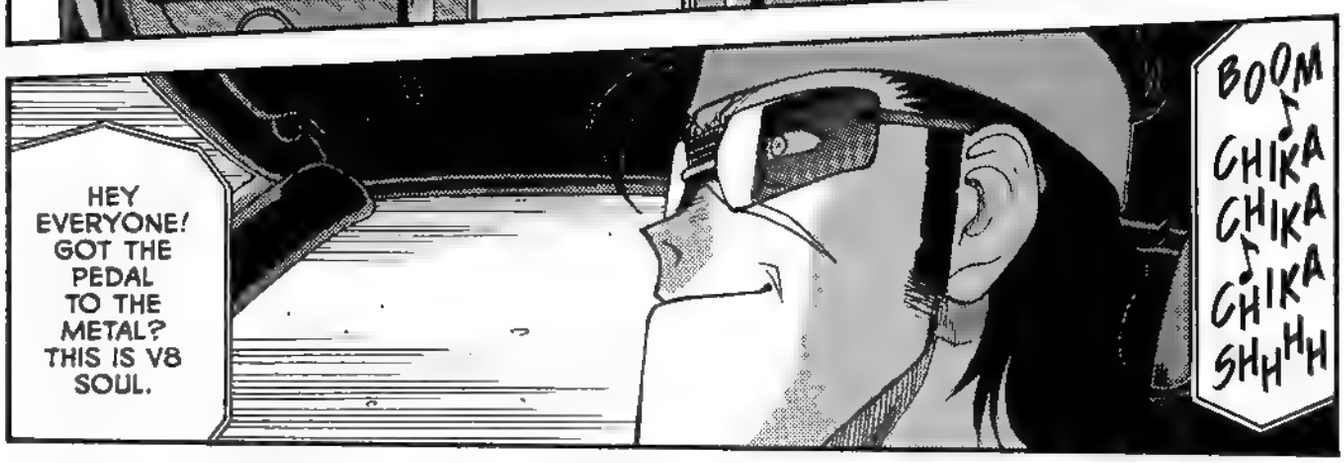
GARORORO
THE FREQUENCY AND URL MAY CHANGE, BUT IT'LL ALWAYS BE DISPLAYED WITH THE MAP INFORMATION.
-ZA
RALLY? IS THAT YOU?
GHK
PU RU RU
THIRTY SECONDS TO START.
DORO DORO DORO DORO
I'M HAVING A HARD TIME GETTING SOME MONEY THAT'S OWED TO ME.
I'M IN IT FOR THE MONEY.
...I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO INTERFERE WITH MY PLANS.
DORO DORO DORO DORO
I'LL EVEN TREAT YOU AS AN ENEMY.
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BE IN THE RACE. REMEMBER...


FOUR!
FIVE SECONDS!
ZROON
ONE!
DORON
DORORORO
CHUGGA
TWO!
HISS
DORON
DORORORO
VROOM
CHUGGA
CHUGGA
THREE!
DORON
GO!
GUAA
CHAPTER 20/END

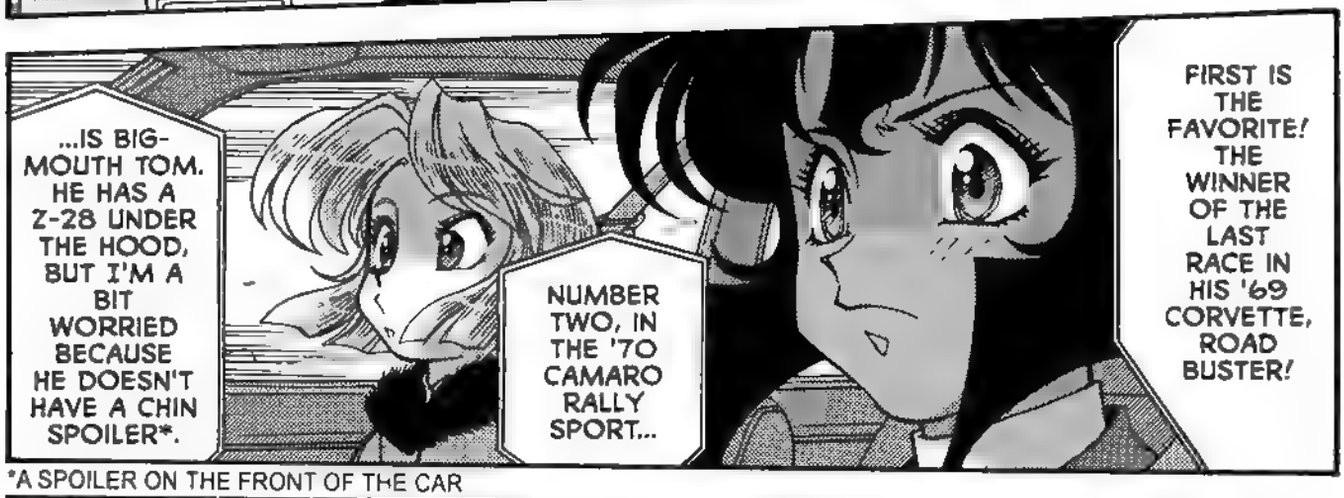
CHAPTER 21 THE DIRTY COP

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
AND THEY'RE OFF!
OOH!
WE HAVE SEVENTEEN CARS IN TODAY'S COMPETITION. YOU CAN STILL GET YOUR BETS IN. RATES ARE LOW!
WHAT'S THAT? DRAG-STERS?
DOWN THERE IN THE PARK-ING LOT.
GUOO
HEY HEY HEY HEY HEY!
POLICE 528?
GOAAA
BE SURE TO TUNE IN!
THAT'S IT FOR ME, MISS CHARGER.
ARE THEY MAKING A FILM? I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT THIS!
VROO VROO VROO
CALL IT IN! IT MUST BE THAT RACE!
CHUGGA CHUGGA
SEE Y'ALL LATER!

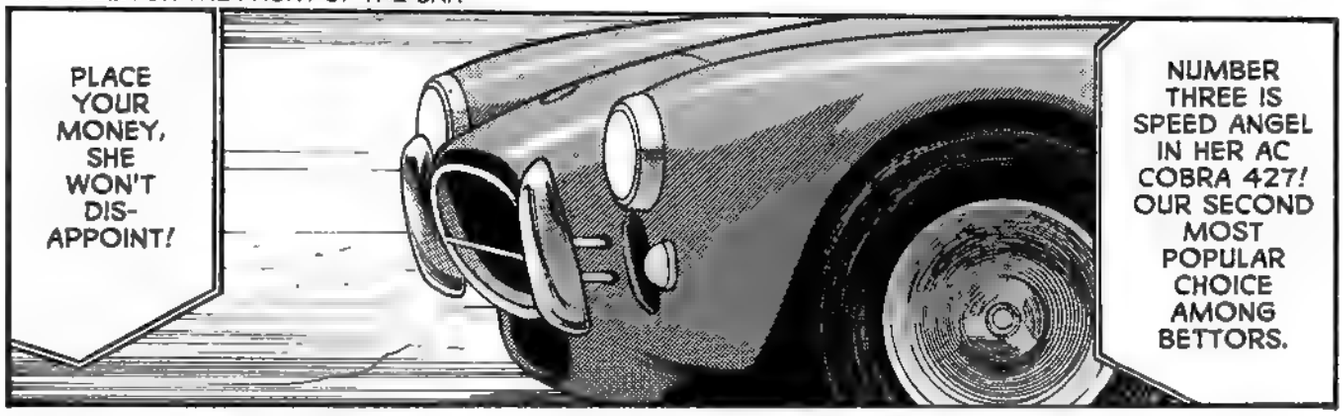




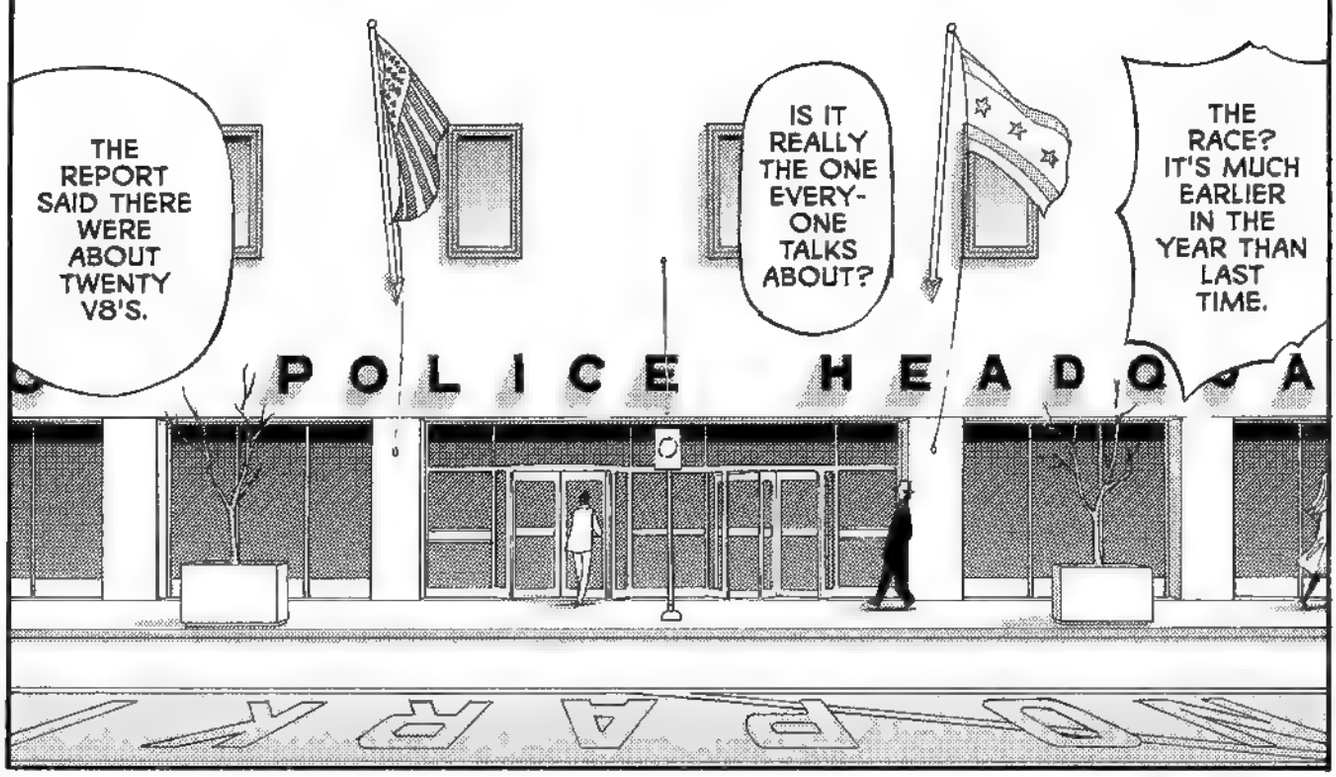
LET'S INTRODUCE OUR RACERS. THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVEN'T PLACED YOUR BETS, LISTEN UP.
THERE WERE NO BREAKDOWNS BEFORE THE START THIS TIME. ONLY HIGH QUALITY CARS ARE RACING.

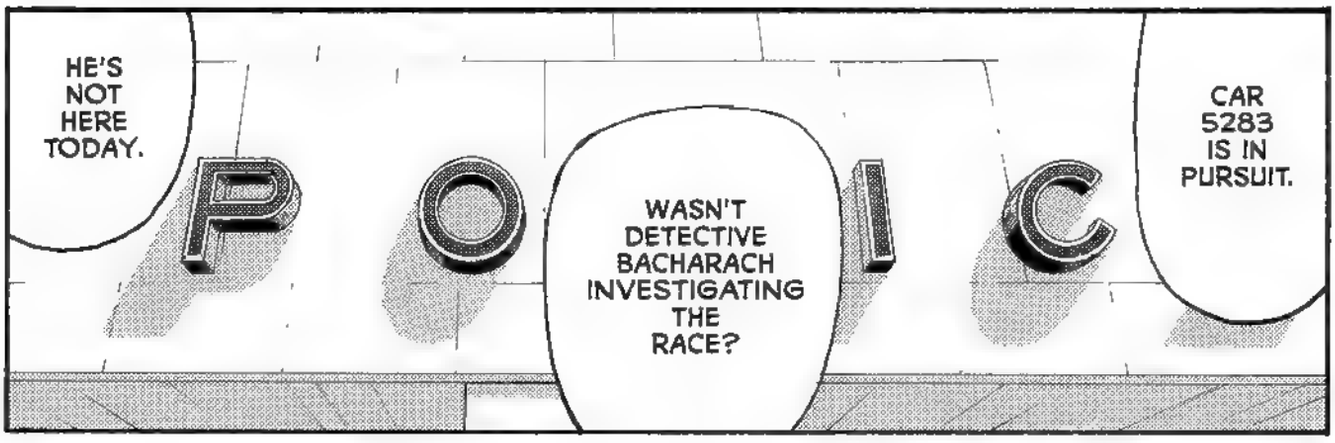

...IS BIG-MOUTH TOM. HE HAS A Z-28 UNDER THE HOOD, BUT I'M A BIT WORRIED BECAUSE HE DOESN'T HAVE A CHIN SPOILER*.
NUMBER TWO, IN THE '70 CAMARO RALLY SPORT...
FIRST IS THE FAVORITE! THE WINNER OF THE LAST RACE IN HIS '69 CORVETTE, ROAD BUSTER!

*A SPOILER ON THE FRONT OF THE CAR


PLACE YOUR MONEY, SHE WON'T DIS-APPOINT!
NUMBER THREE IS SPEED ANGEL IN HER AC COBRA 427! OUR SECOND MOST POPULAR CHOICE AMONG BETTORS.

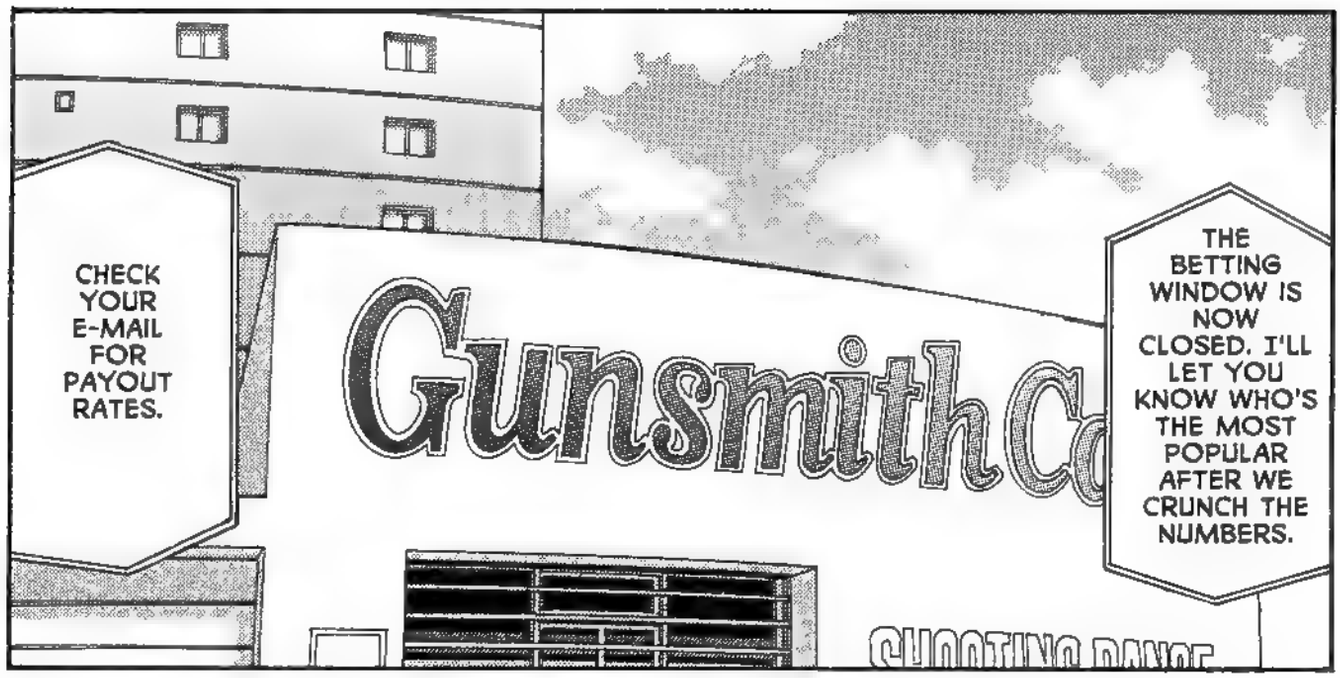
NUMBER FOUR IS TEXAS MAN IN HIS 1960 THUNDERBIRD. JUST WATCH HIM WHIP THAT CAR ALONG.
NUMBER SIX IN THE '77 FIREBIRD WITH THE HUGE BLOWER IS MISTER HOTMAN!
ZOOSH
NUMBER FIVE IN HIS 1970 THUNDERBIRD IS JOHN WAYNE, JR. SINCE THERE'S NO RELATION TO THE OLD ACTOR HE'S NOT TOO POPULAR.
CAN NUMBER EIGHT, RUBBER DUCK, FINISH THE RACE THIS TIME IN HIS AC COBRA 289?
THAT'S US.
NUMBER SEVEN IS A HOT '72 MACH 1 WITH A BOSS 429, AND A NICE GUY.
TURN ON THE POLICE RADIO. I DON'T WANT OUR OWN GUYS GETTING IN THE WAY.
VROOM
I COULDN'T THINK OF ANY-THING BETTER.
WHAT KIND OF NAME IS THAT?
THIS IS THE FIRST RACE FOR THE WHITE AFRO.
COPS SHOULD BE SHOWING UP ANY MINUTE.
THERE'S A WIG IN BACK FOR YOU, TOO. PUT IT ON.

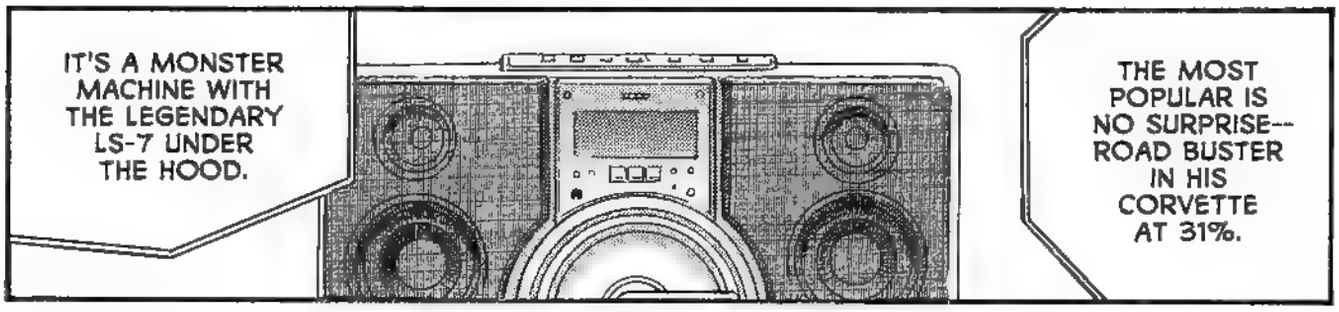

THE REPORT SAID THERE WERE ABOUT TWENTY V8'S.
IS IT REALLY THE ONE EVERY-ONE TALKS ABOUT?
THE RACE? IT'S MUCH EARLIER IN THE YEAR THAN LAST TIME.
POLICE HEADQ A

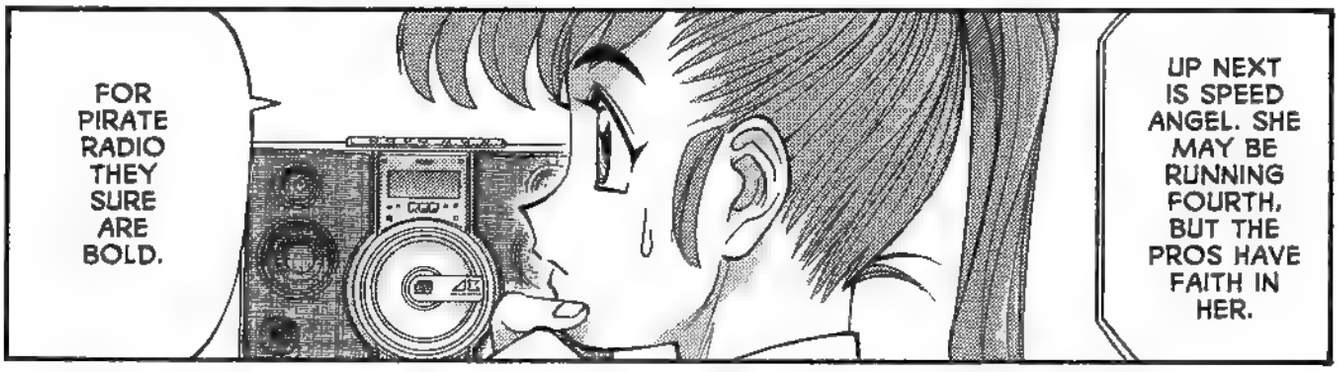

HE'S NOT HERE TODAY.
WASN'T DETECTIVE BACHARACH INVESTIGATING THE RACE?
CAR 5283 IS IN PURSUIT.

ROY! THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE THE ROUTE TAKES THEM OUT OF STATE.
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO GET TO THEM FIRST! WE'LL TRY TO CUT THEM OFF!
LET'S GO, JEFF !!

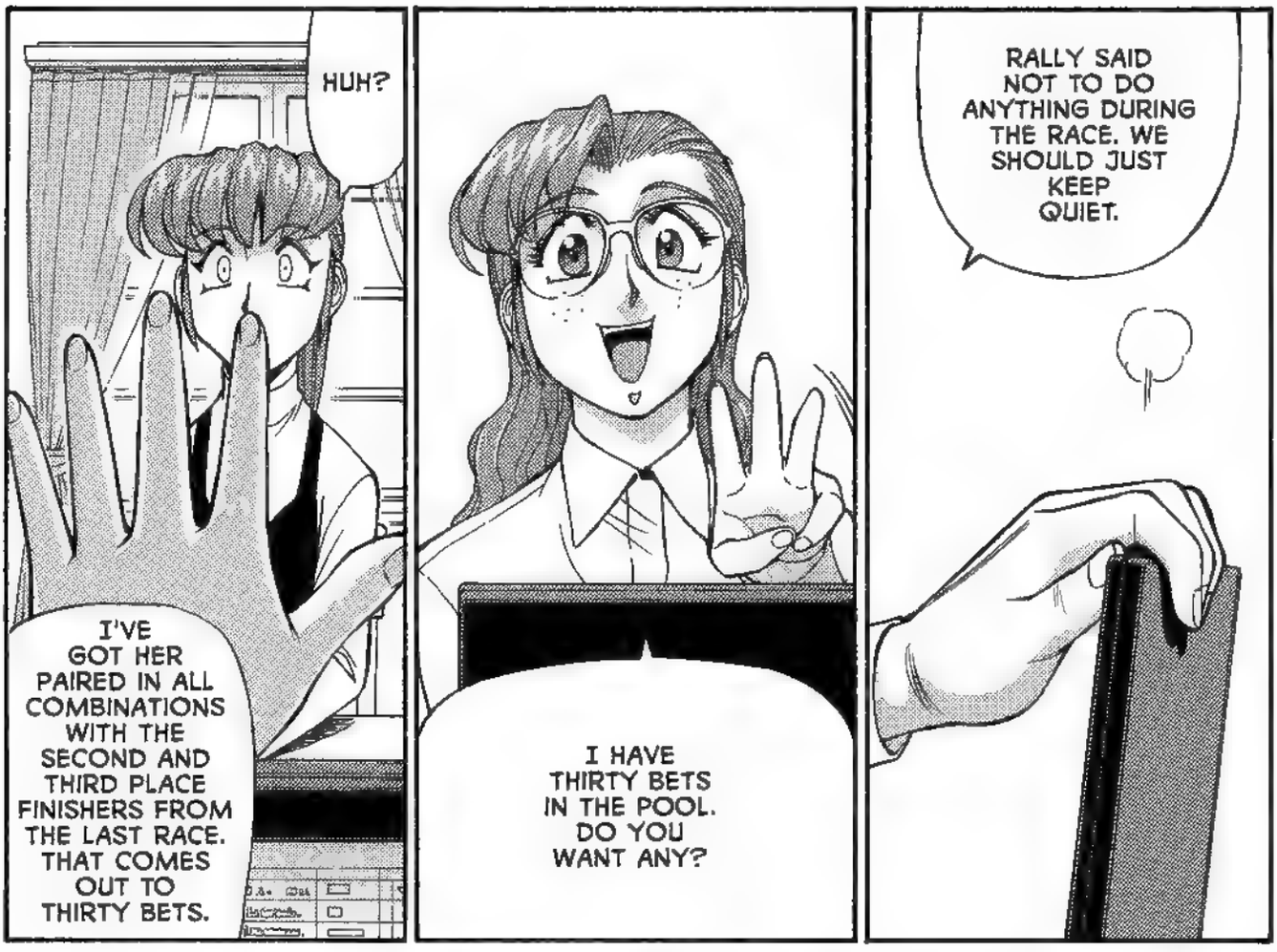
I'LL RIDE IN THE PATROL CAR WITH ONE OF YOU. THE OTHER CAN RIDE WITH ROY IN THE VOLKS-WAGEN AND NAVIGATE.
YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT THE RACE. HAVEN'T YOU? I WANT TO SPLIT UP INTO TWO TEAMS AND TRY TO CUT THEM OFF.
HUH?
KATE!
YOU'RE GOING TO TRY TO GET THEM AS THEY RACE?
CUT THEM OFF?
WE'VE NEVER DONE A HIGH SPEED CHASE BEFORE!
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS KEEP WITHIN VISUAL RANGE.
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD THAT ROAD BUSTER ALWAYS PARTICI-PATES?
BESIDES, IF IT'S A ROAD RACE, THE TRAFFIC DIVISION SHOULD BE TAKING CARE OF IT.
I BETTER GET A BONUS FOR THIS!
GTI
WE'LL HAVE BACK UP! LET'S GO !!
ZUFOON

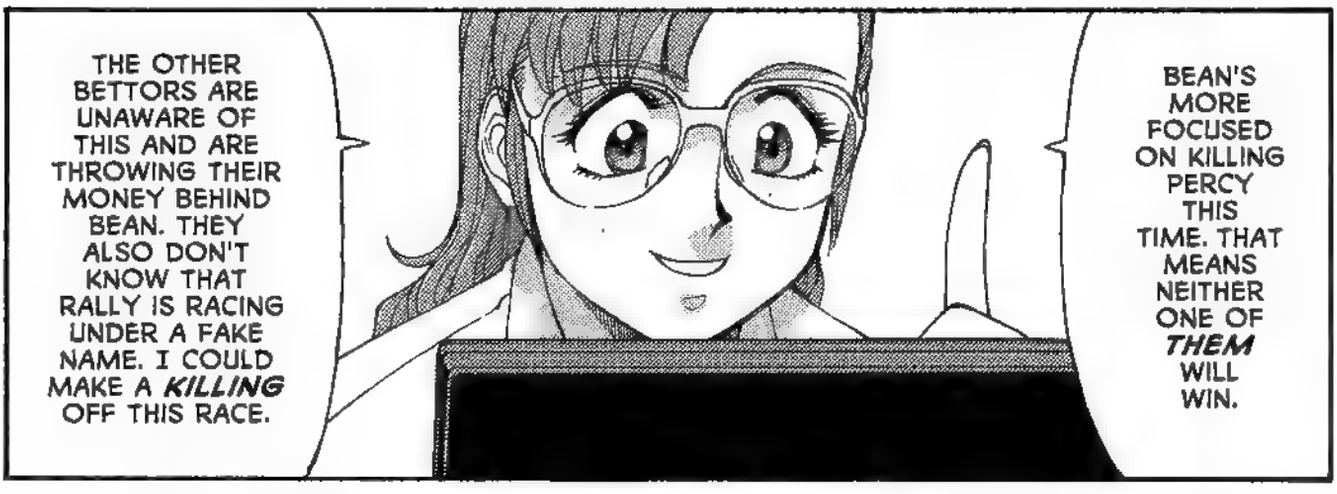

CHECK YOUR E-MAIL FOR PAYOUT RATES.
THE BETTING WINDOW IS NOW CLOSED. I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHO'S THE MOST POPULAR AFTER WE CRUNCH THE NUMBERS.

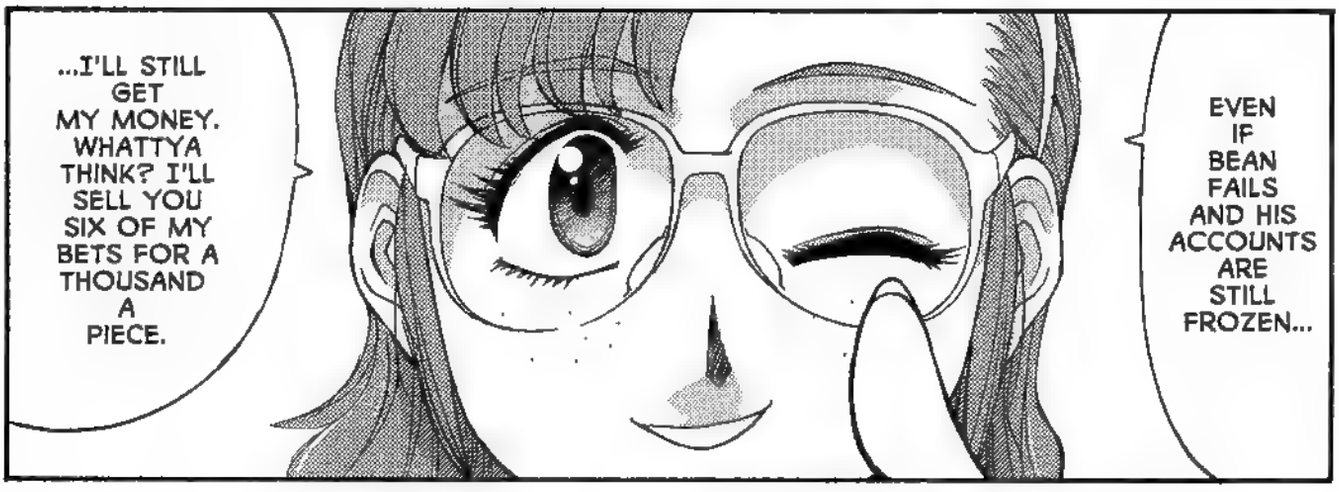

IT'S A MONSTER MACHINE WITH THE LEGENDARY LS-7 UNDER THE HOOD.
THE MOST POPULAR IS NO SURPRISE-- ROAD BUSTER IN HIS CORVETTE AT 31%.


FOR PIRATE RADIO THEY SURE ARE BOLD.
UP NEXT IS SPEED ANGEL. SHE MAY BE RUNNING FOURTH, BUT THE PROS HAVE FAITH IN HER.

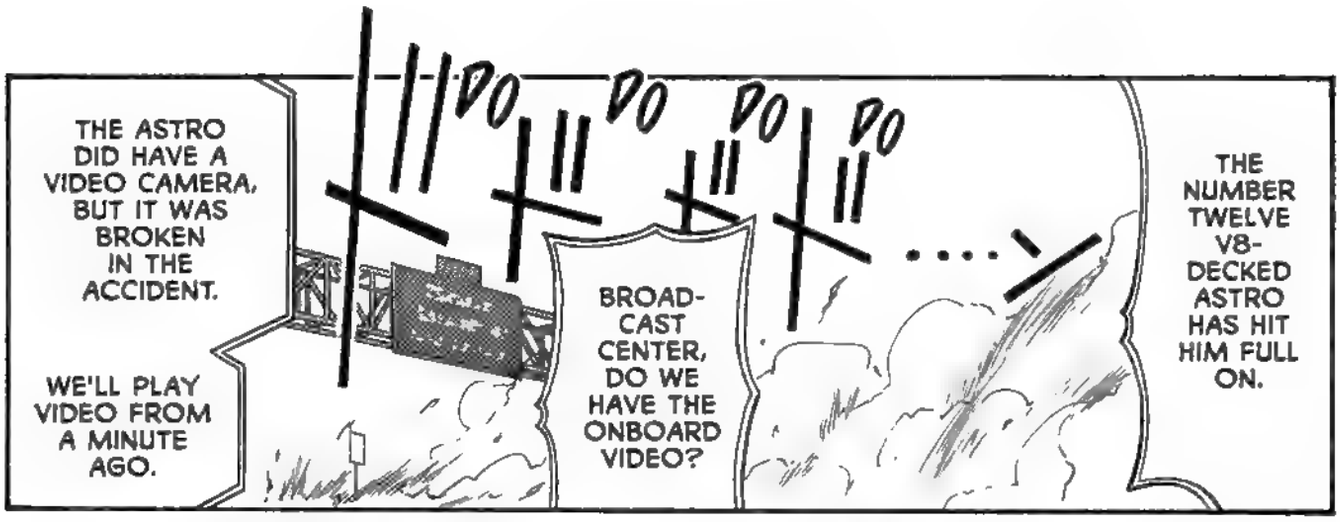
THIRD MOST POPULAR IS HOT MAN! PERHAPS THE LARGER BLOWER HE'S USING THIS TIME CAUGHT THE ATTENTION OF BETTORS.
HEY. DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD AT LEAST LET ROY KNOW THAT RALLY IS RACING?


HUH?
I'VE GOT HER PAIRED IN ALL COMBINATIONS WITH THE SECOND AND THIRD PLACE FINISHERS FROM THE LAST RACE. THAT COMES OUT TO THIRTY BETS.
I HAVE THIRTY BETS IN THE POOL. DO YOU WANT ANY?
RALLY SAID NOT TO DO ANYTHING DURING THE RACE. WE SHOULD JUST KEEP QUIET.


THE OTHER BETTORS ARE UNAWARE OF THIS AND ARE THROWING THEIR MONEY BEHIND BEAN. THEY ALSO DON'T KNOW THAT RALLY IS RACING UNDER A FAKE NAME. I COULD MAKE A ***KILLING*** OFF THIS RACE.
BEAN'S MORE FOCUSED ON KILLING PERCY THIS TIME. THAT MEANS NEITHER ONE OF ***THEM*** WILL WIN.

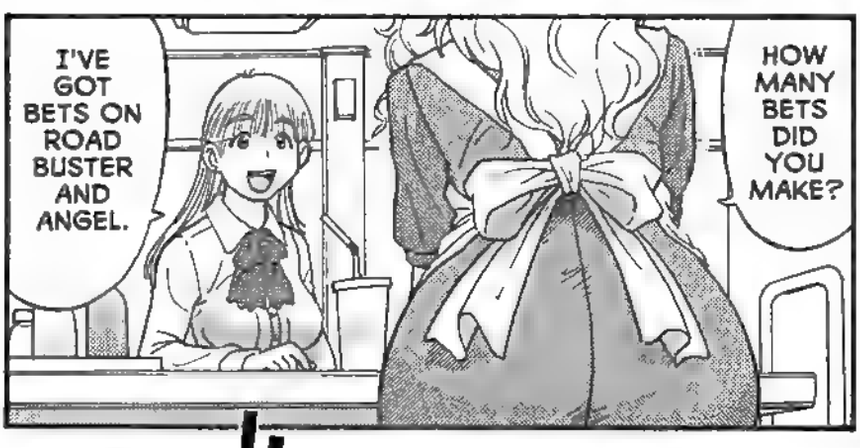

...I'LL STILL GET MY MONEY. WHATTYA THINK? I'LL SELL YOU SIX OF MY BETS FOR A THOUSAND A PIECE.
EVEN IF BEAN FAILS AND HIS ACCOUNTS ARE STILL FROZEN...

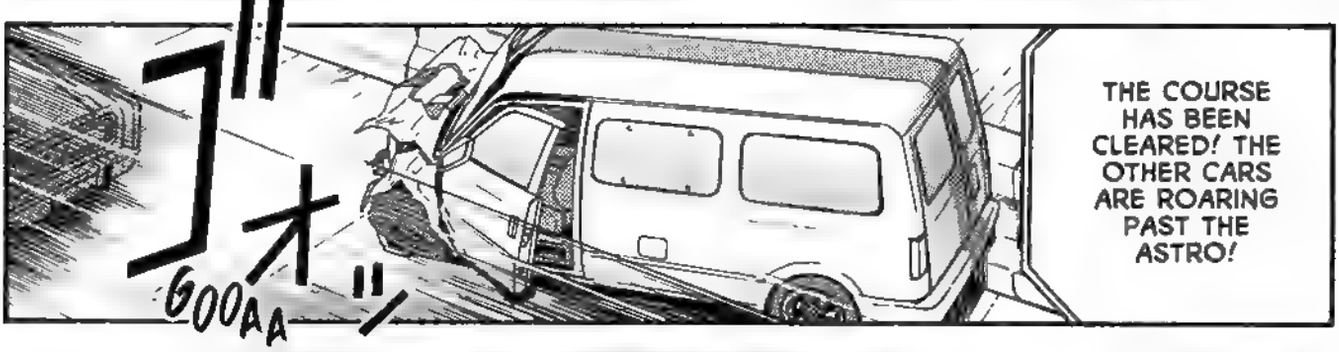
LOOK OUT! THE NUMBER EIGHT AC COBRA IS SPINNING OUT!
NO THANKS.
HE CAN'T STOP. THE CAR BEHIND IS GONNA HIT HIM!
!!
SCREECH
GARI
GARI
GARI
GARI


THE ASTRO DID HAVE A VIDEO CAMERA, BUT IT WAS BROKEN IN THE ACCIDENT.
WE'LL PLAY VIDEO FROM A MINUTE AGO.
DO DO DO DO
BROAD-CAST CENTER, DO WE HAVE THE ONBOARD VIDEO?
THE NUMBER TWELVE V8-DECKED ASTRO HAS HIT HIM FULL ON.

THERE'S HIS BACK END SLIDING.
THEY NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB GETTING VIDEO FROM THE RACE.
WHAT A WASTE OF A COBRA 289.

LET'S SEE... THERE'S THE AC TRYING TO MAKE IT'S MOVE...
THE CAMERA WASN'T PLACED RIGHT AND IS SHAKING TOO MUCH.
THE QUALITY'S TER-RIBLE.


I'VE GOT BETS ON ROAD BUSTER AND ANGEL.
HOW MANY BETS DID YOU MAKE?


GOOAA
THE COURSE HAS BEEN CLEARED! THE OTHER CARS ARE ROARING PAST THE ASTRO!

HMPH.

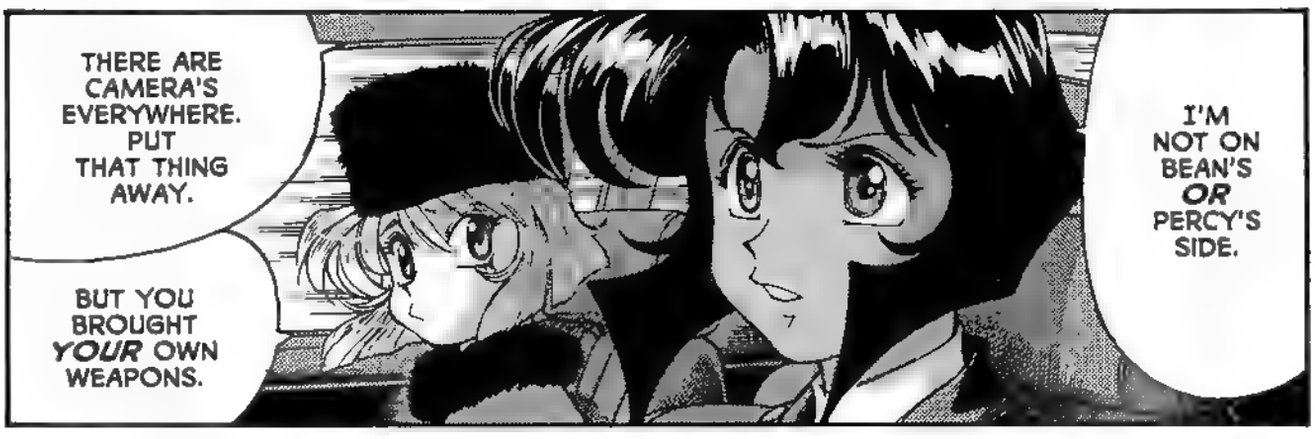
I URGE ALL DRIVERS TO BE CAUTIOUS. LOOK OUT! THE MACH 1!
THE COBRA THAT THE ASTRO HIT IS STILL IN THE ROAD!
THEY MAY HAVE THE CAR'S, BUT THEY'RE AMATEURS WHEN IT COMES TO DRIVING.
SCREECH
SCREE
THE MACH 1 PASSED THEM WITHOUT SLOWING DOWN!
MADE IT!!
PASSING THE ACCIDENT HE'S NOW IN SIXTH PLACE!
THAT WHITE AFRO IS QUITE A TROOPER.
mach 1

I'M WAITING FOR YOU, PERCY.
THERE'S ONLY ONE MACH 1 IN THE RACE.
GUAA
BEAN BANDIT.
ROAD BUSTER! NO!
I ENDED UP CROSSING FIFTEEN SECONDS AFTER THE WINNER.
WHEN WE WERE RACING WITH RALLY, JONES GOT IN THE WAY AND KEPT ME FROM WINNING.
THIS TIME I'LL COME OUT ON TOP!

I'VE BROUGHT A SHOT-GUN AND A RIFLE.
mach1
HOW ARE WE GOING TO DO THIS?
IF HE DID, HE COULDN'T BE RUNNING AT THIS SPEED. RIFLE ARMOR ADDS 600 POUNDS!
BUT THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE HE HAS ARMOR ON HIS CORVETTE.
HE'LL GET SUCKED INTO THE TRAP AND ALL WE'LL HAVE TO DO IS WATCH.
I ALREADY HAVE PLANS TO TAKE HIM OUT.
IF SHE HAPPENS TO GET MIXED UP IN THE INCIDENT AND DIES, ILLINOIS WILL BE THAT MUCH CLEANER.
THAT WOMAN CLOSE ON HIS ASS, SOMETHING ANGEL, IS ALSO A TRANS-PORTER.

ZOOSH
IN NINTH PLACE AND GAINING IS HOT SISTERS!

BEAN MIGHT TRY SOME-THING BEFORE THE FIRST CHECK-POINT.
SHOULDN'T YOU BE GOING FASTER, RALLY?


THERE ARE CAMERA'S EVERYWHERE. PUT THAT THING AWAY.
BUT YOU BROUGHT *YOUR* OWN WEAPONS.
I'M NOT ON BEAN'S *OR* PERCY'S SIDE.

...BEAN INVOLVES INNOCENT BYSTANDERS OR OTHER POLICE OFFICERS IN HIS REVENGE?
WHAT IF...

I'M WORRIED FOR HIM.
TIME TO MAKE PLANS. THOSE NOSY WOMEN MIGHT TRY TO STOP ME
HOW SHOULD I TAKE CARE OF THAT CRAZY DETECTIVE?
EVEN THE EVENT ORGANIZER IS ON MY SIDE. YOU MIGHT AS WELL BE DEAD ALREADY, ROAD BUSTER.

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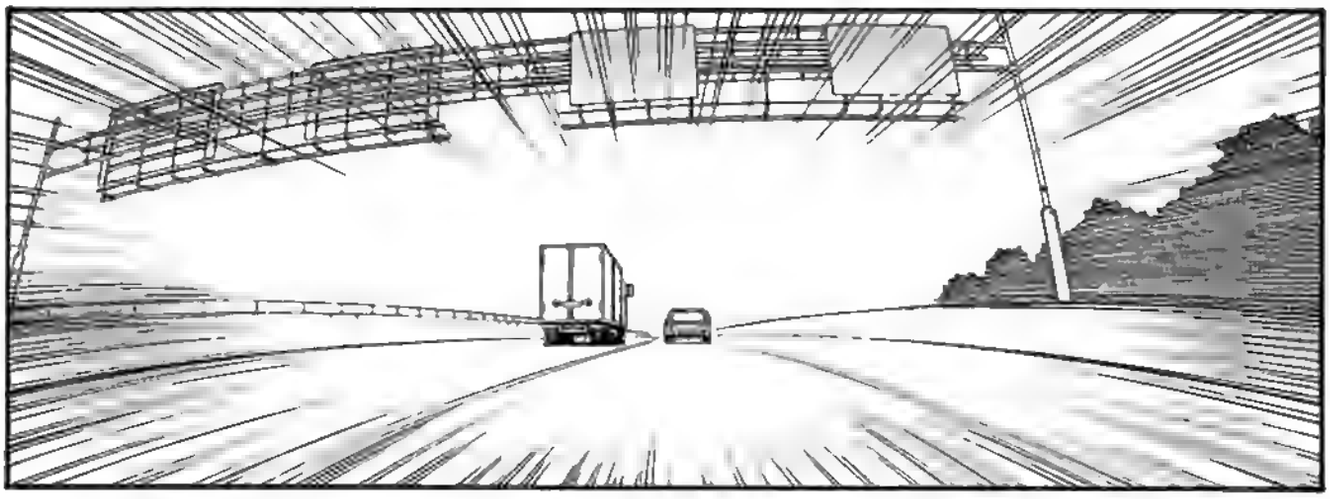
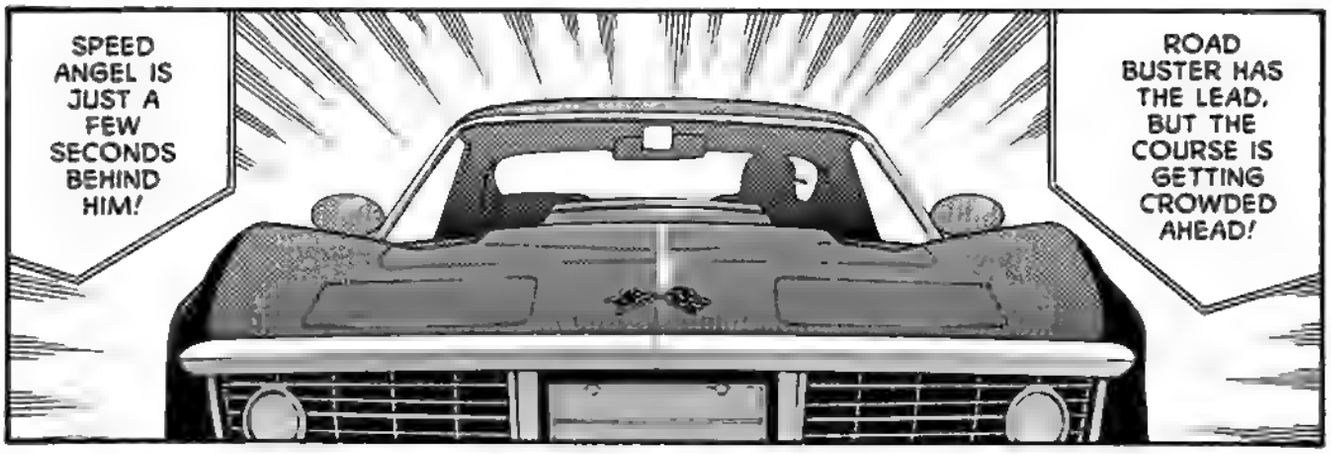
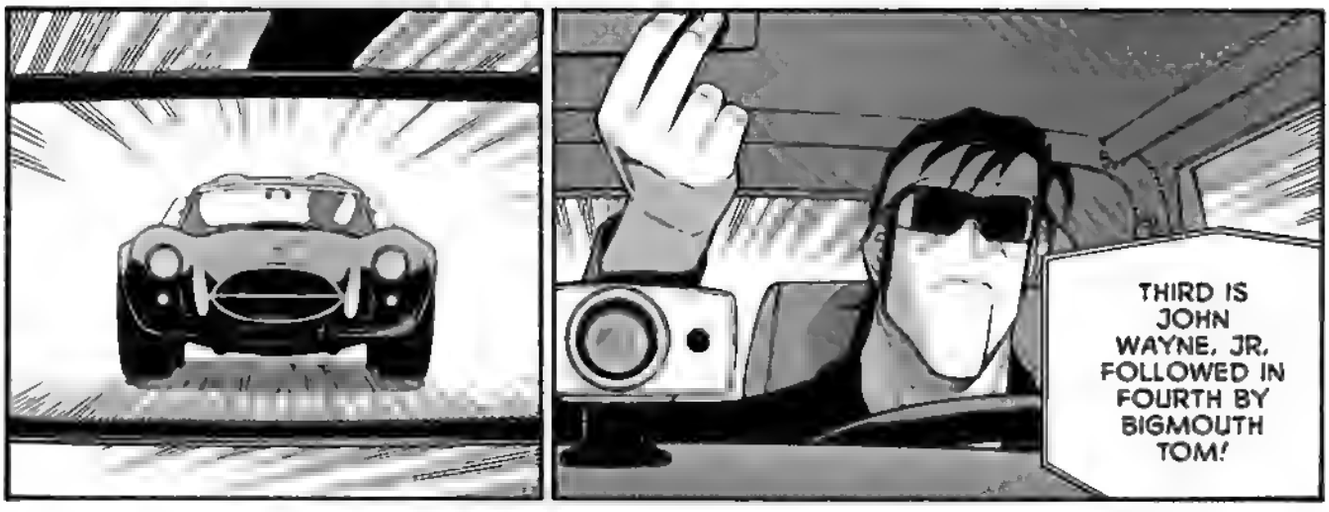
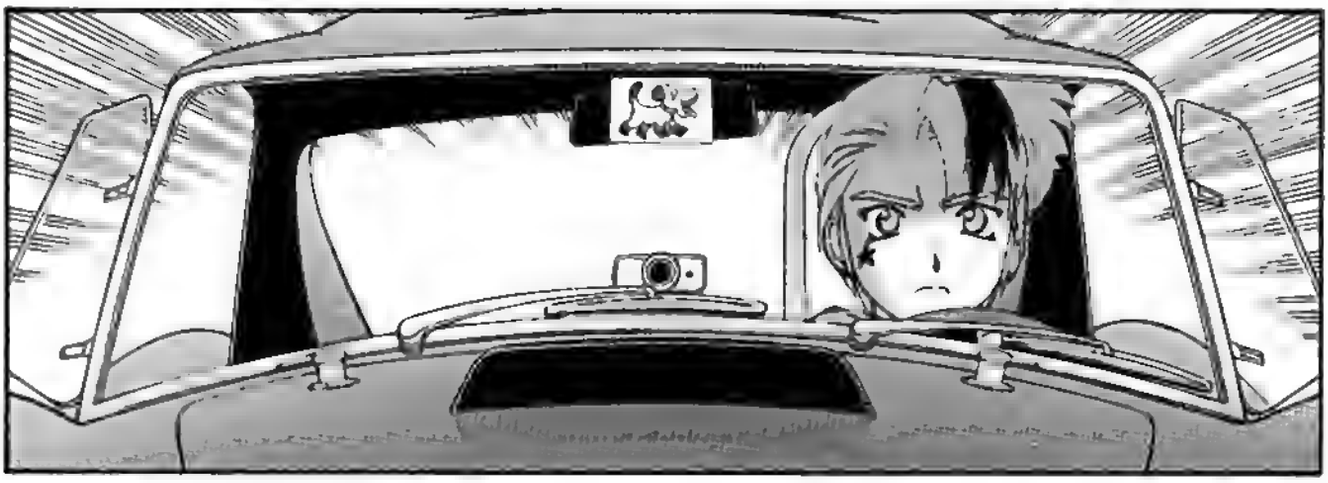
CHAPTER 22

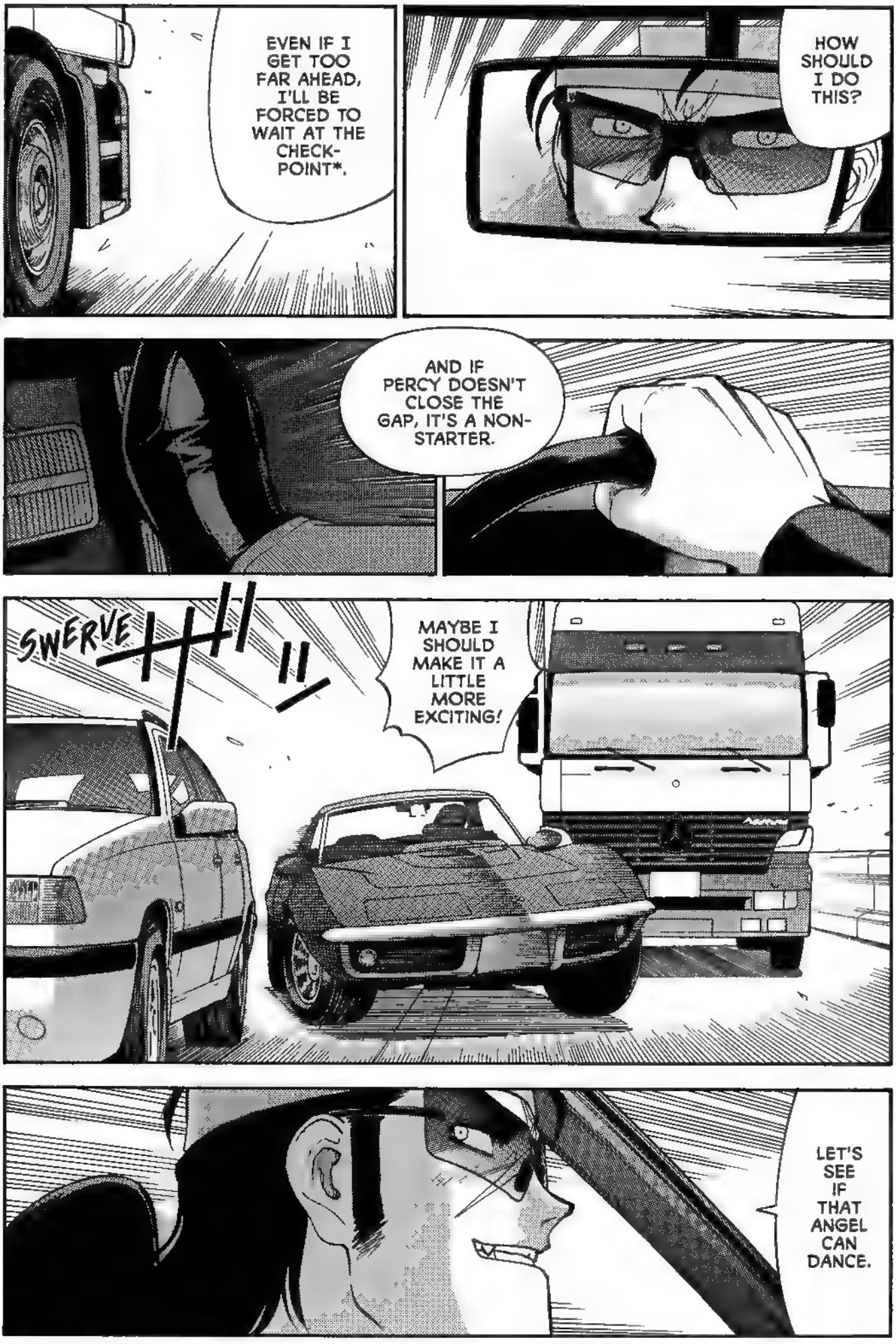
TRAFFIC JAM




SPEED ANGEL IS JUST A FEW SECONDS BEHIND HIM!
ROAD BUSTER HAS THE LEAD, BUT THE COURSE IS GETTING CROWDED AHEAD!


THIRD IS JOHN WAYNE, JR. FOLLOWED IN FOURTH BY BIGMOUTH TOM!




EVEN IF I GET TOO FAR AHEAD, I'LL BE FORCED TO WAIT AT THE CHECK-POINT*.
HOW SHOULD I DO THIS?
AND IF PERCY DOESN'T CLOSE THE GAP, IT'S A NON-STARTER.
SWERVE
MAYBE I SHOULD MAKE IT A LITTLE MORE EXCITING!
LET'S SEE IF THAT ANGEL CAN DANCE.

*DUE TO THE HANDICAP SYSTEM EMPLOYED BY THIS TYPE OF BETTING POOL

MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST LET THEM PASS.
THERE'S ANOTHER ONE COMING UP BEHIND US.
LOOK OUT!
ZA-SHHH
VOLVO
I'LL SHOW THESE SPEED FREAKS!
NO WAY!
YOU'RE NOT IN THE RACE SO STAY OUT OF THE WAY!
KYUKYU
DAM-MIT!

WHY IS BEAN STILL THERE?
WHAT ?!
BLINK
CORVETTE
SCREECH
SHIT !!
GWAAA
KREE

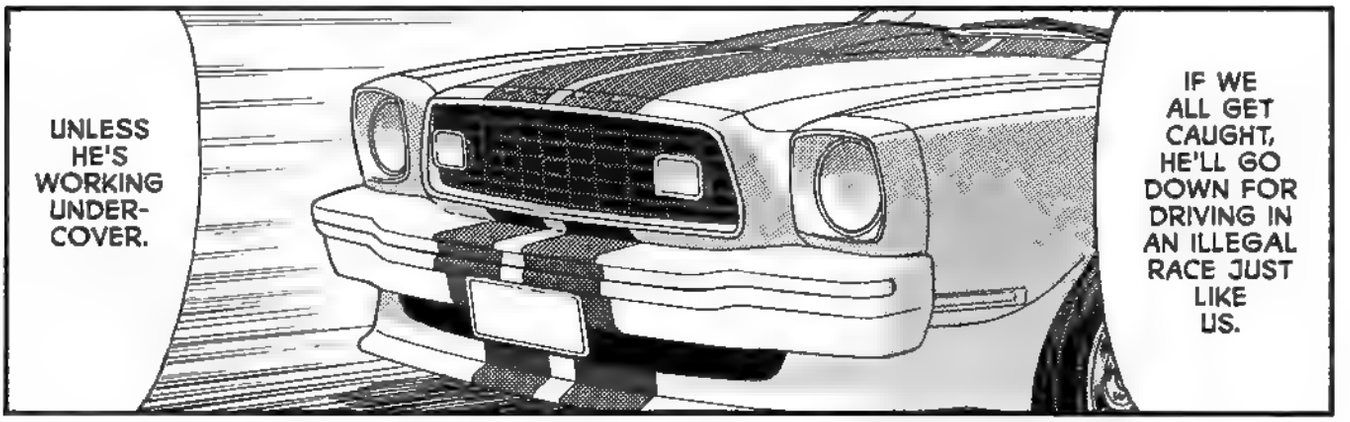
PLEASE, DON'T GET ANY CLOSER!
JUST ENOUGH SPACE!
SCRAPE
AAAHHH!!
SCREECH
IT'S SCRAPING UP AGAINST US! STOP THE CAR!
GOAA
THAT BLUE CAR IS PASSING ON THE OTHER SIDE.
HUH? WHAT?!

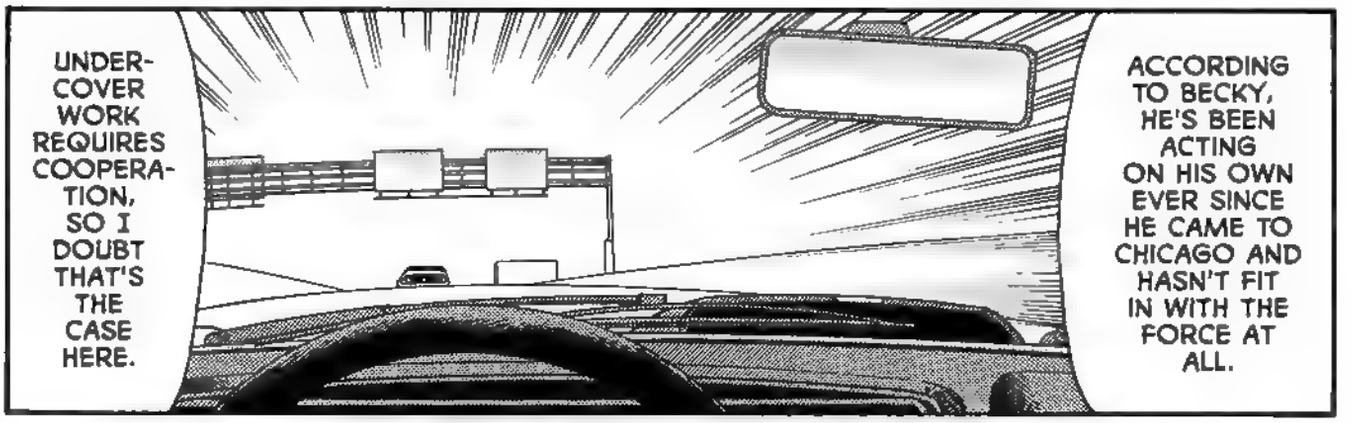
IS THAT...? IT MUST BE! THEY SAID THAT V8 RACE WOULD BE HELD SOON!
PULL OVER TO THE SIDE AND SLOW DOWN!
WHAT THE HELL ARE THEY DOING?
SWERVE
BASHI
BE CARE-FUL!
TOO DANGER-OUS --!
GRA
OH MY --!
SLIP

ZOOSH
BUMP
ZA
I MIS-JUDGED YOU, BEAN.
I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D LET ANYONE CATCH YOU.
THIS RACE IS GETTING A LITTLE TOO *TAME* FOR ME!
HEY!
IF YOU WANT TO GET AHEAD, BE MY GUEST!
I WANT TO PLAY WITH ALL OF THE OTHER FUN V8'S.

I WANT THAT PRIZE MONEY!
I'LL HAVE NO PART OF IT!
SLOWING DOWN ON PURPOSE? THEY'LL THINK YOU'RE THROWING THE RACE!
DO RO RO RO
GOA
AA
KYU

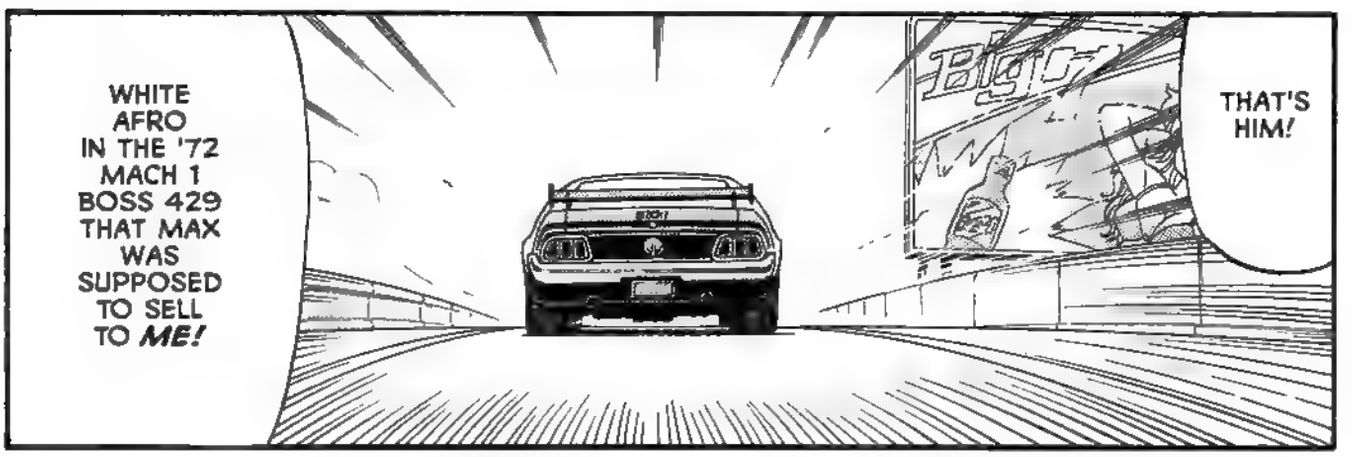
THE KING COBRA HAS PULLED PAST THE '77 FIREBIRD AND INTO SEVENTH PLACE!
I HAVE A FEELING WE'LL BE SEEING SOME PATROL CARS SOON.
THERE'S NO WAY ANY COPS EXCEPT ROY AND JEFF WOULD RECOGNIZE YOU NOW.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
I DON'T WANT HIM TO NOTICE US.
LET'S KEEP OUR POSITION.
WE'VE ONLY MET ONCE WHEN HE WAS *BUYING* THE MACH 1.
ACCORDING TO THE RADIO, THAT DETECTIVE'S MACH 1 IS JUST AHEAD OF US.


UNLESS HE'S WORKING UNDER-COVER.
IF WE ALL GET CAUGHT, HE'LL GO DOWN FOR DRIVING IN AN ILLEGAL RACE JUST LIKE US.

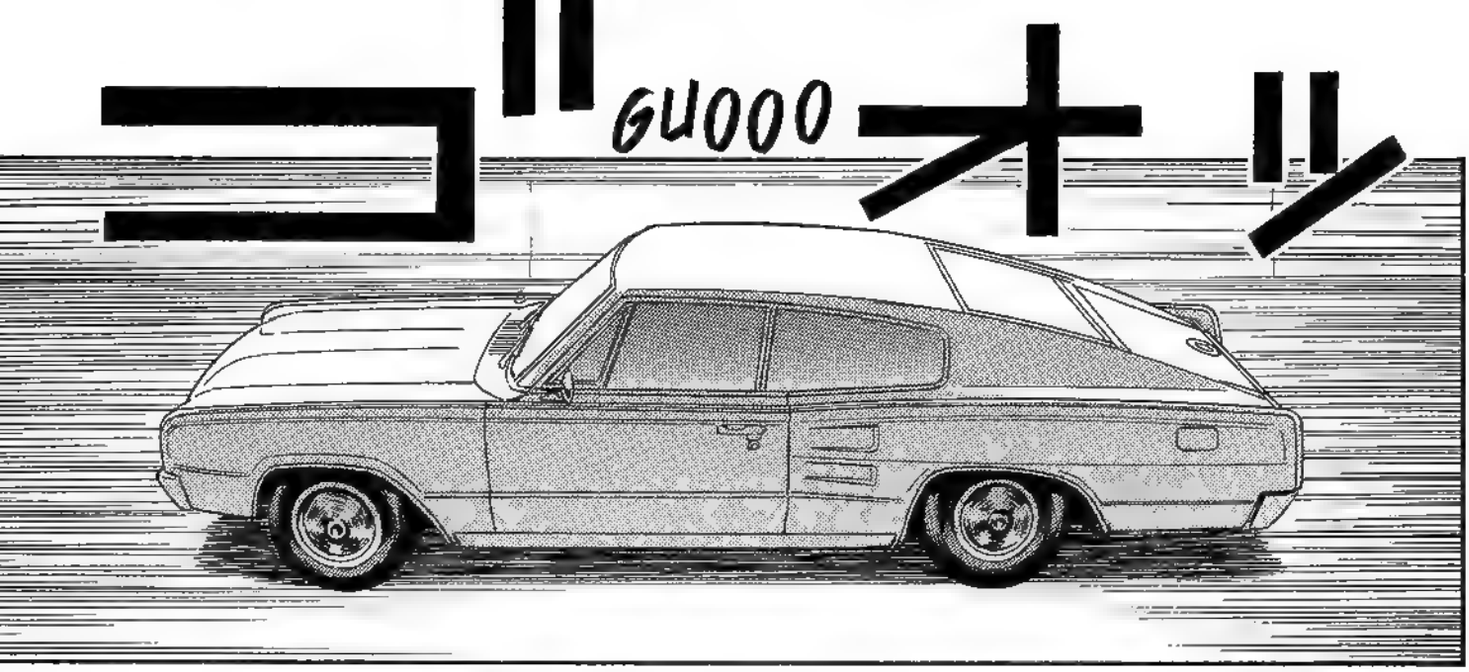

UNDER-COVER WORK REQUIRES COOPERA-TION, SO I DOUBT THAT'S THE CASE HERE.
ACCORDING TO BECKY, HE'S BEEN ACTING ON HIS OWN EVER SINCE HE CAME TO CHICAGO AND HASN'T FIT IN WITH THE FORCE AT ALL.

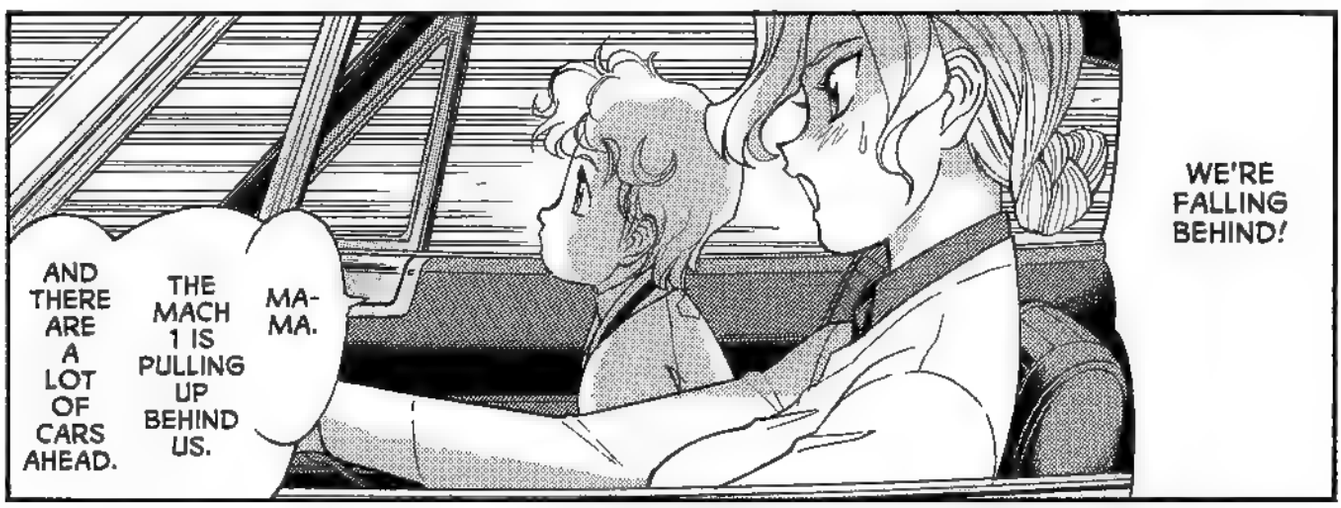
DUN-NO.
NO DOUBT THEY'D SEE RIGHT THROUGH IT.

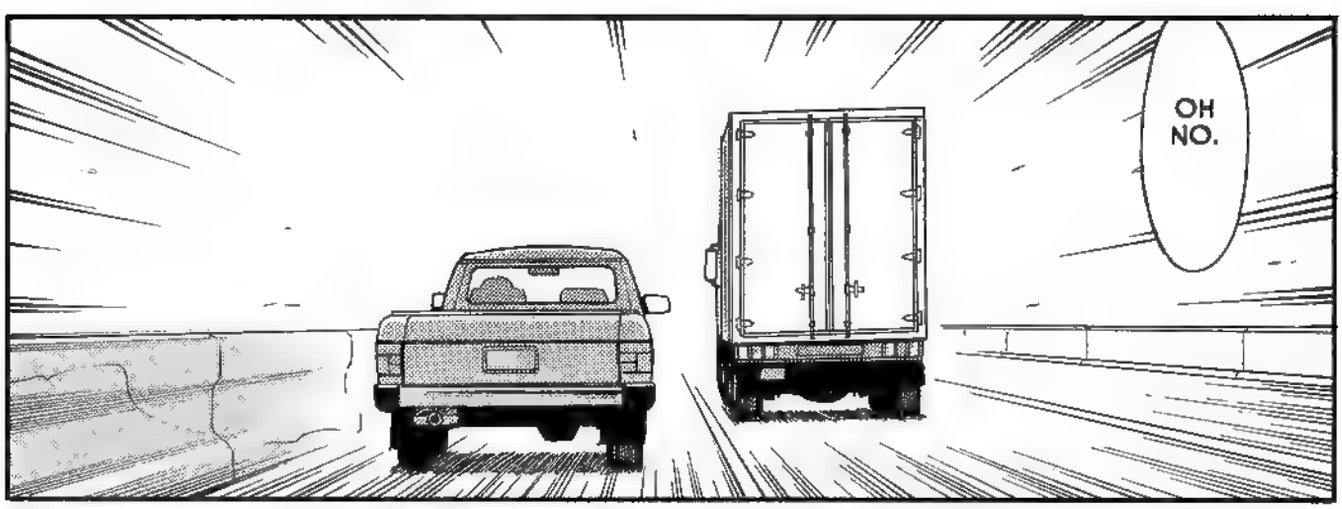
YOU THINK HE'S WEARING THAT DISGUISE SO OTHER COPS DON'T RECOG-NIZE HIM?


WHITE AFRO IN THE '72 MACH 1 BOSS 429 THAT MAX WAS SUPPOSED TO SELL TO *ME!*
THAT'S HIM!

FU GO
mach 1
THE MACH 1 IS CLOSING IN ON THE FIFTH PLACE CHARGER!
WE'VE FALLEN TOO FAR BEHIND ROAD BUSTER!
DAMN!
DON'T GET SO EXCITED! YOUR MOUSTACHE IS FALLING OFF.
OOH! THE '66! THAT'S A GREAT CAR FROM THE GOLDEN AGE OF AMERICAN V8S!
HOW COOL! I LOVE IT!
IF IT'S IN ORIGINAL CONDITION, IT HAS A 426 HEMI UNDER THE HOOD!


GUOOO


MA-MA.
THE MACH 1 IS PULLING UP BEHIND US.
AND THERE ARE A LOT OF CARS AHEAD.
WE'RE FALLING BEHIND!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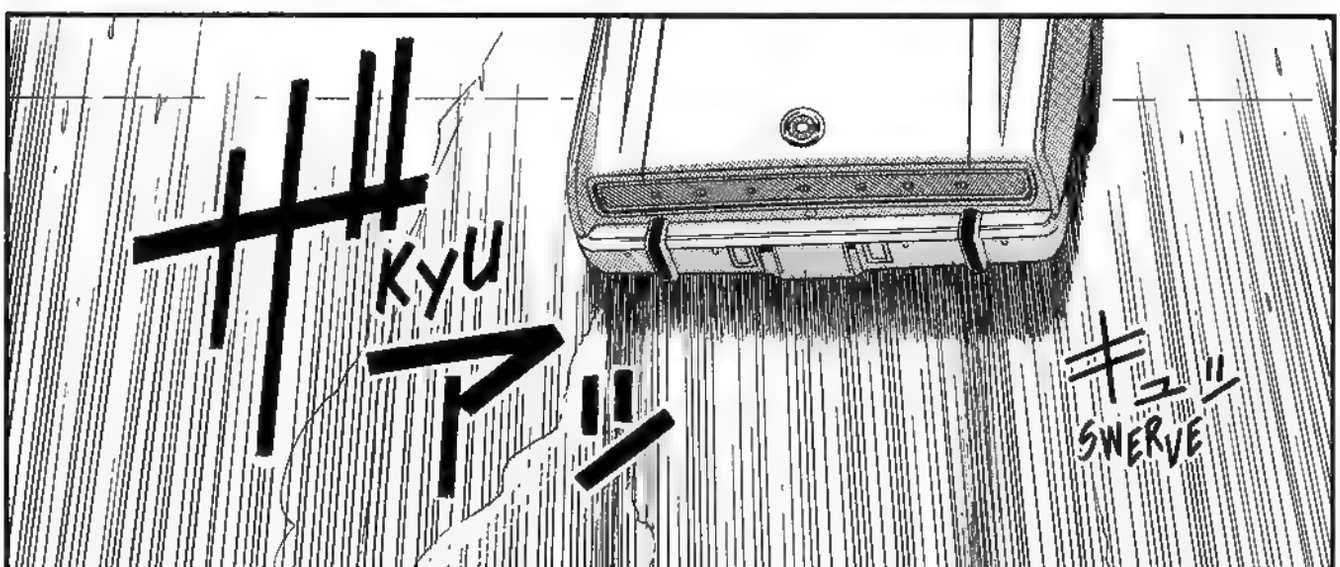
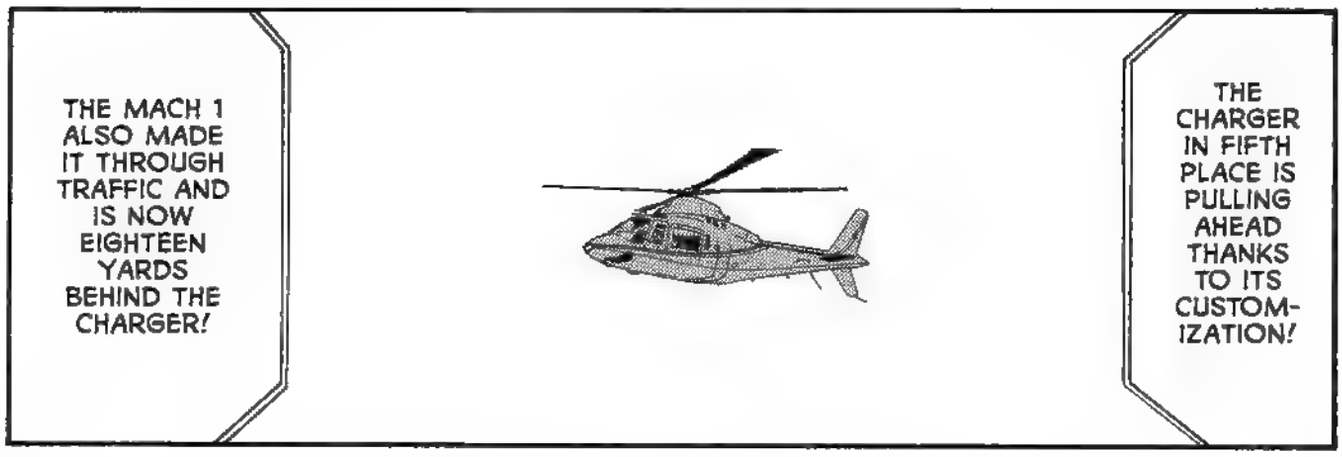
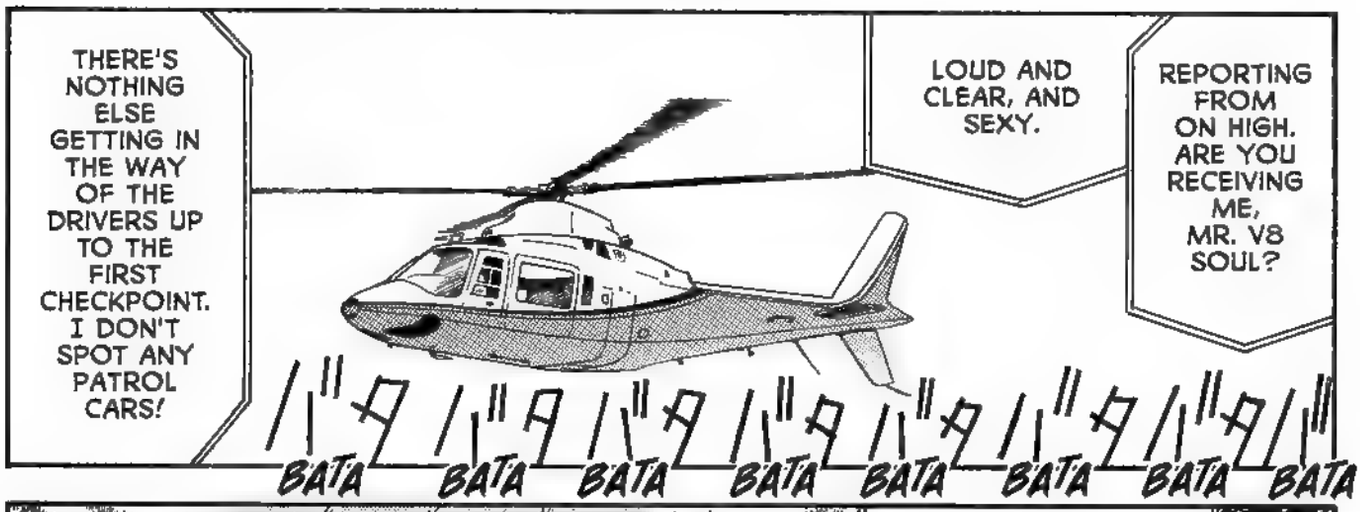
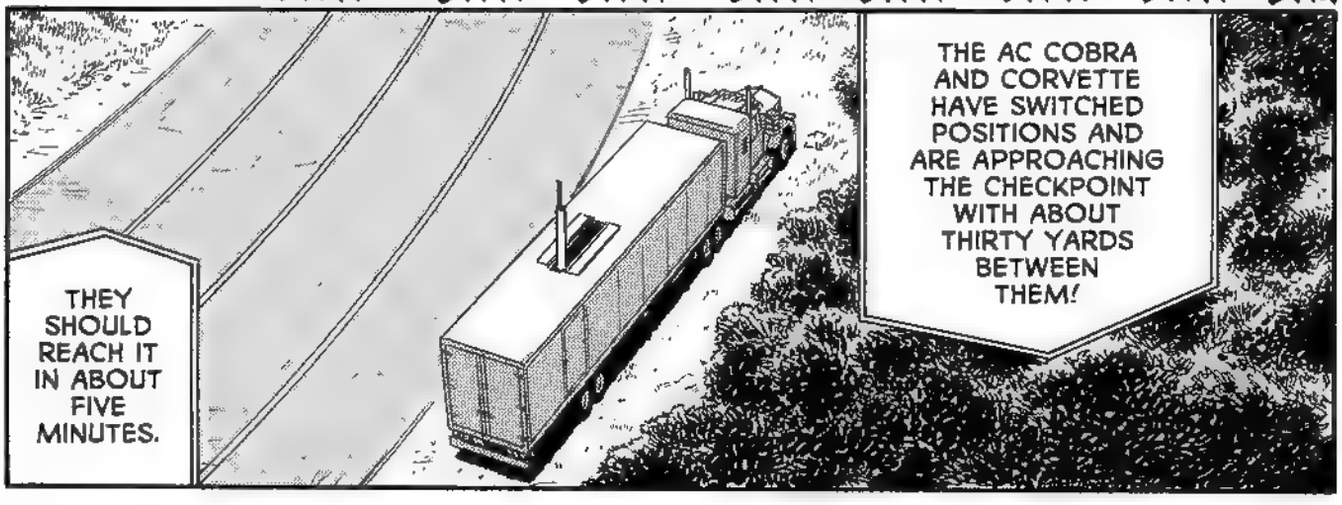

KyU
SWERVE

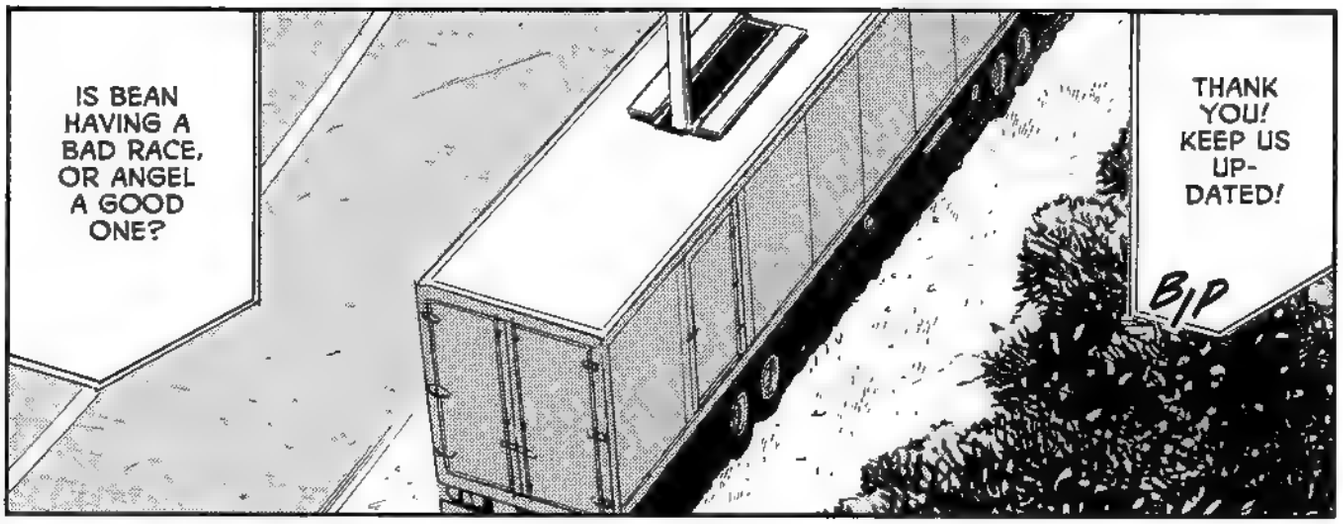
ZAKYU
HMPH!
THAT VOLVO'S BLOCKING THE WAY.
THAT'S THE FOURTH ONE! I OPENED UP THE PASSING LANE FOR THEM.
IT'S BLOCKED BY A PICKUP.
ZUFON
SWERVE
SHE'S SLIPPING MORE THAN USUAL!
YOU FORGOT TO PUT OUT THE REAR SPOILER.

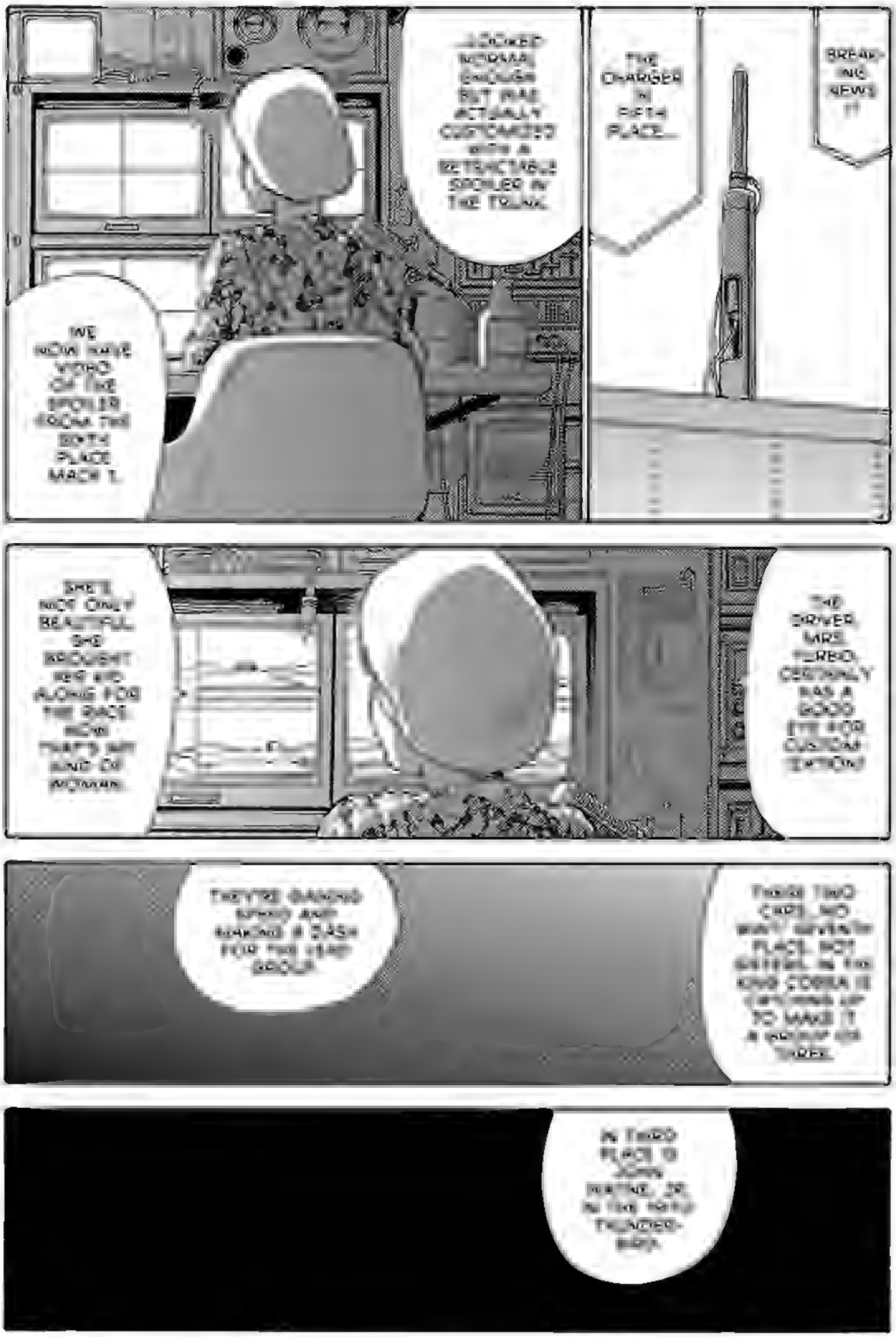
THEY SHOULD'VE PUT ON A REAR WING LIKE WE HAVE!
THAT BACK END MEANS THEY HAVE TO DEAL WITH DOWN FORCE!
グーン
GRRRN
HUH?
THAT WOULD-'VE--
TUSTLE
わしっ
THANKS! YOU'RE SO SMART!
COOL!
IF WE WIN, I'LL INCREASE YOUR CUT BY 10%!
ZUON


THE MACH 1 ALSO MADE IT THROUGH TRAFFIC AND IS NOW EIGHTEEN YARDS BEHIND THE CHARGER!
THE CHARGER IN FIFTH PLACE IS PULLING AHEAD THANKS TO ITS CUSTOM-IZATION!


THERE'S NOTHING ELSE GETTING IN THE WAY OF THE DRIVERS UP TO THE FIRST CHECKPOINT. I DON'T SPOT ANY PATROL CARS!
LOUD AND CLEAR, AND SEXY.
REPORTING FROM ON HIGH. ARE YOU RECEIVING ME, MR. V8 SOUL?
BATA BATA BATA BATA BATA BATA BATA BATA


THEY SHOULD REACH IT IN ABOUT FIVE MINUTES.
THE AC COBRA AND CORVETTE HAVE SWITCHED POSITIONS AND ARE APPROACHING THE CHECKPOINT WITH ABOUT THIRTY YARDS BETWEEN THEM!


IS BEAN HAVING A BAD RACE, OR ANGEL A GOOD ONE?
THANK YOU! KEEP US UP-DATED!
BIP


LOOKED NORMAL ENOUGH BUT WAS ACTUALLY CUSTOMIZED WITH A RETRACTABLE SPOILER IN THE TRUNK
THE CHARGER IS BETA PLACE...
BREAKING NEWS !!
WE NOW HAVE WITHO OF THE SPOILER FROM THE BETA PLACE MACH 1.
SHE'S NOT ONLY BEAUTIFUL SHE BROUGHT HER HO ALONG FOR THE RACE. WOW THAT'S MY KIND OF WOMAN.
THE DRIVER MRS. TURBO CERTAINLY HAS A GOOD EYE FOR CUSTOM EMPIRE!
THEY'RE GAINING SPEED AND GAINING A LEAD FOR THE FIRST TIME!
FROM TWO CARS NO WAY SHE'S PLACE NOT EVEN CLOSE IS THE KING COBRA II CATCHING UP TO MAKE IT A RACE OF THREE.
IN TWO PLACE A JOHN WAYNE JR. IN THE NEW TRUNCED-BOY.

I'M SURE YOU'RE FOLLOWING THE RACE. WE'RE GETTING CLOSE TO THE FIRST CHECKPOINT.
REY-NOLDS? IT'S ME!
PERCY --!
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CONSIDERING MY DISTANCE FROM ROAD BUSTER, PLAN B WILL BE JUST PERFECT.
I WANT YOU TO CHANGE CHECKPOINT 2 AND DETOUR THE DRIVERS TO ROUTE 82 WHERE MY TRAP AWAITS!
UNDER-STOOD. I'LL TELL MY PEOPLE.

THIS SURPRISES EVEN ME! WE'VE HAD A COURSE CHANGE!
ALL RACERS LISTEN UP! CHECKPOINT 2 AND THE RACE ROUTE HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO AVOID POLICE INTERFERENCE!
...
!
THE NEW MAP AND DATA ARE BEING SENT TO YOUR CELLPHONES NOW. I HOPE YOU HAVE THEM ON!!

CHAPTER 22/END

CHAPTER 23 THE AMBUSH

SCREECH
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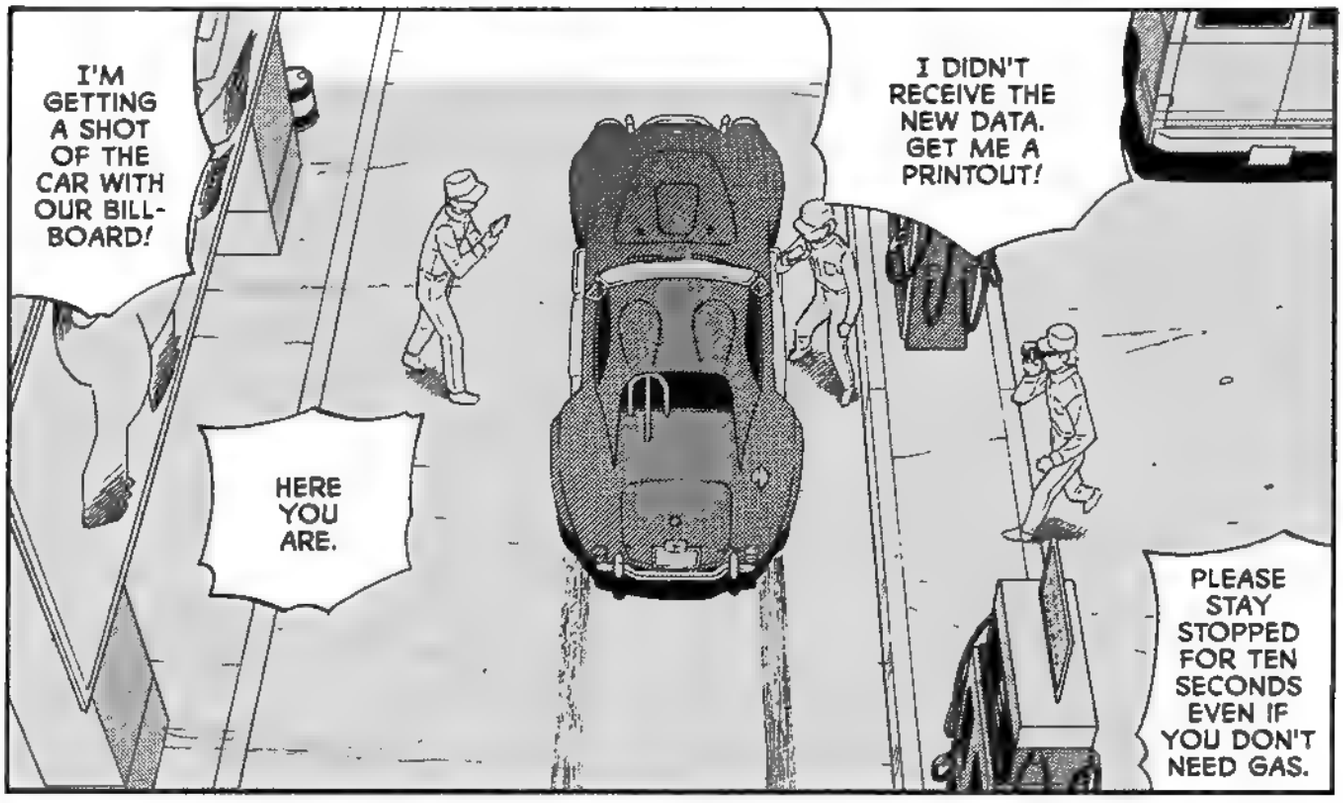
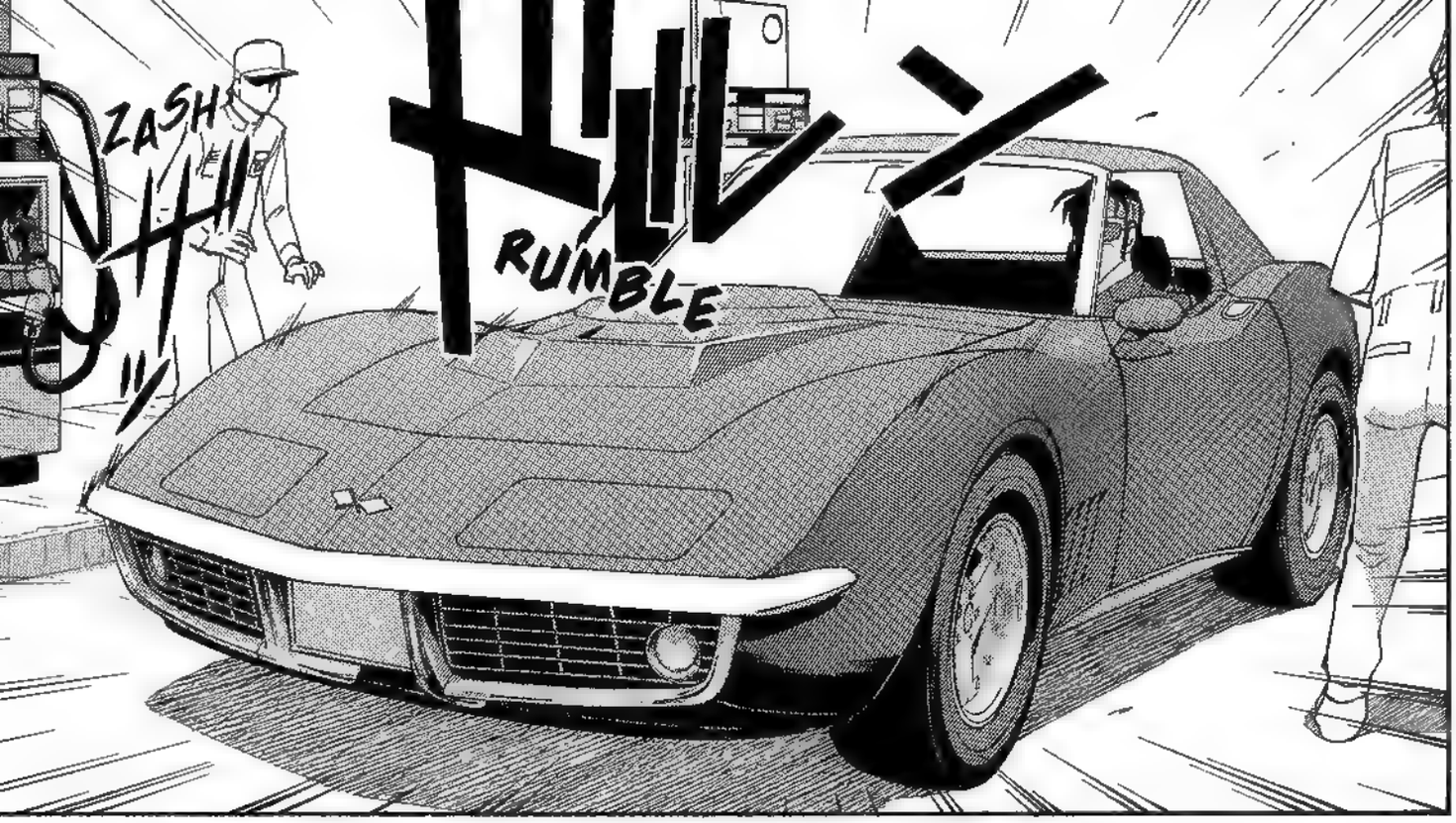
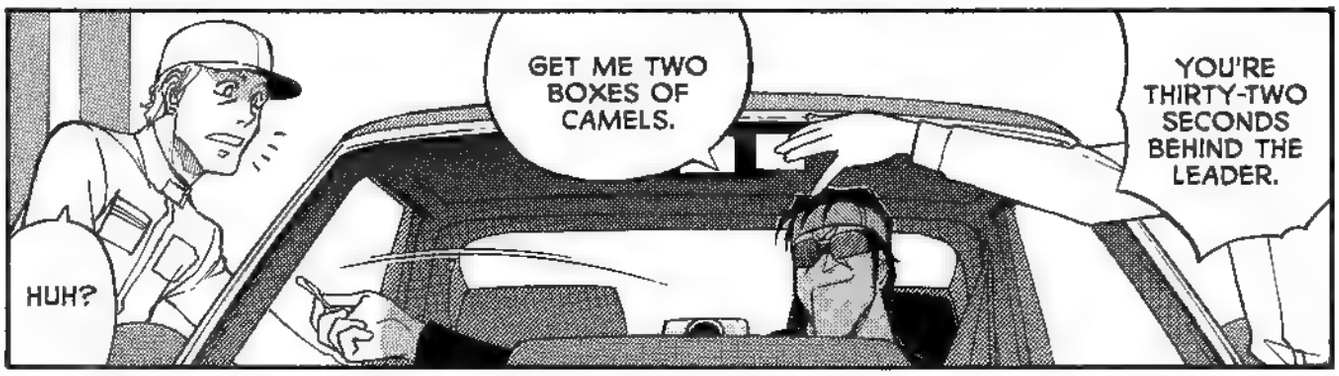
SPEED ANGEL IN HER COBRA 427 IS THE FIRST TO ARRIVE!!
WE'VE JUST RECEIVED VIDEO FROM CHECK-POINT 1!


I'M GETTING A SHOT OF THE CAR WITH OUR BILL-BOARD!
HERE YOU ARE.
I DIDN'T RECEIVE THE NEW DATA. GET ME A PRINTOUT!
PLEASE STAY STOPPED FOR TEN SECONDS EVEN IF YOU DON'T NEED GAS.

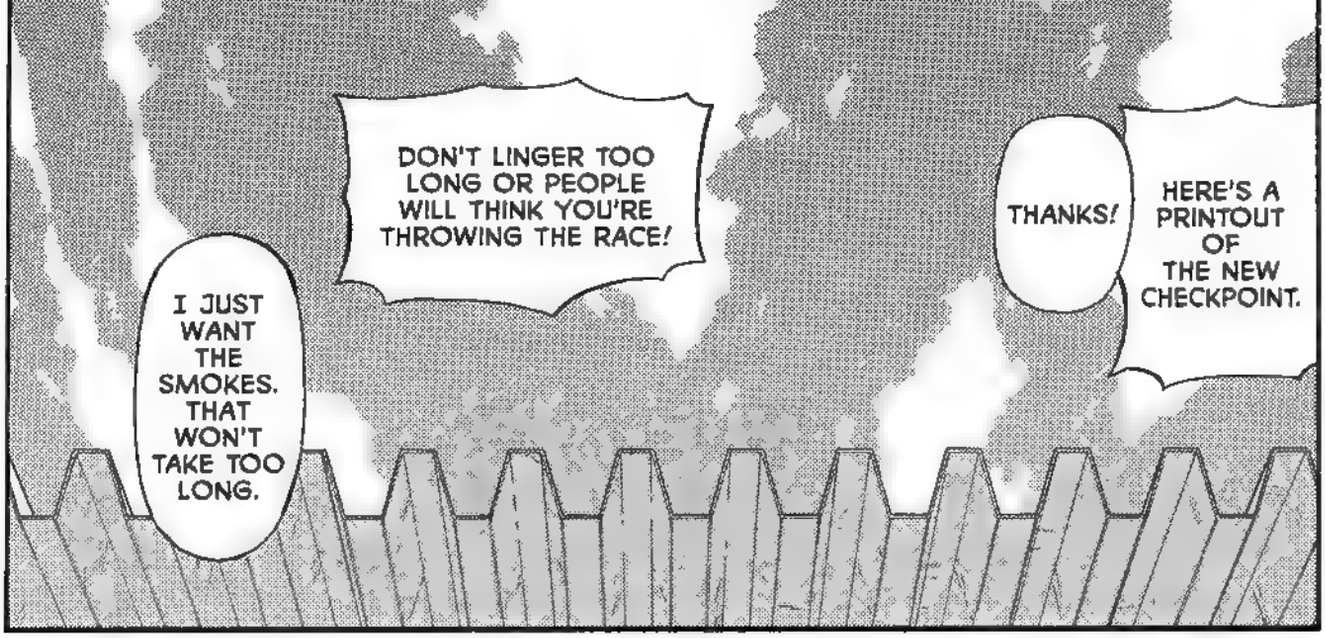
V8
WITHOUT THESE CHECK-POINT STICKERS, YOU'LL BE DIS-QUALIFIED!
SHE'S GOT A TEMPER TO MATCH HER SKILL!
YEAH YEAH!
ばしっ
SLAP
HERE'S YOUR STICKER !!
WHERE ARE YOU ROAD BUSTER? DON'T YOU WANT TO WIN?!
DAMN!
トラランッ!!
DORARAN
アッ
ZA
フコォッ!!
VROOM
I NEVER THOUGHT ROAD BUSTER WOULD BE RUNNING SECOND.
GRIP
THERE'RE STILL TWO CHECKPOINTS LEFT.
SHE'S SO COOL.

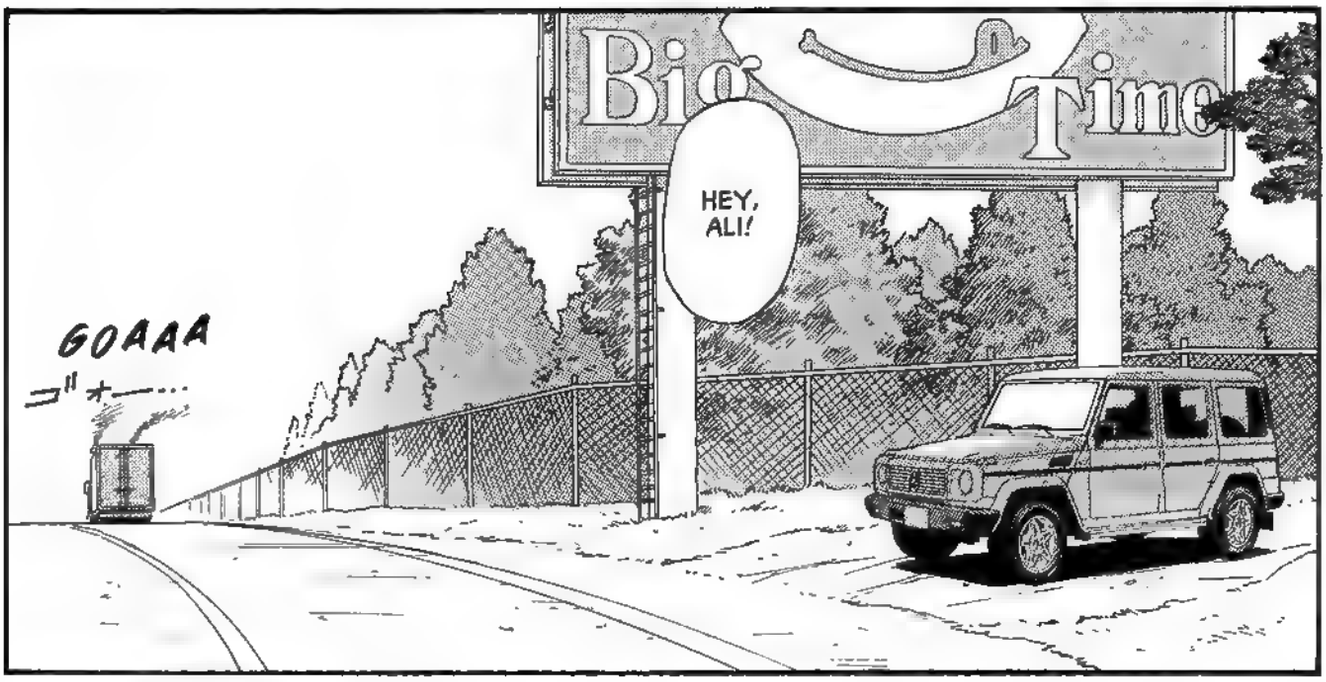
IT WON'T TAKE VERY LONG FOR THE CARS TO PASS THROUGH, AND IT'S NOT LIKE I'VE RENTED THE STATION OUT TO THEM.
YOU DID TAKE MONEY, THOUGH.
BUT IT'LL LEAVE A RECORD THAT WE PARTICI-PATED IN AN ILLEGAL RACE.
HMM? THEY HAVE TO HAVE VIDEO BECAUSE THEY'RE TAKING BETS.
CHIEF. YOU SURE IT'S OKAY TO BE TAKING VIDEO LIKE THAT?
IF MY BETS PAN OUT, I'LL BE SURE TO KICK A LITTLE DOWN TO YOU.
THAT'S WHAT YOU SHOULD REMEMBER IF ASKED BY THE POLICE.
A CUSTOMER JUST HAPPENED TO BUY A LARGE AMOUNT OF HIGH PRICED ITEMS.
AH, YOU'RE MISTAKEN.
THE CAMERA ONLY SHOWS RACERS STOPPING IN FOR GAS.
OKAY.
ROAD BUSTER'S HERE!


ZASH
RUMBLE


HUH?
GET ME TWO BOXES OF CAMELS.
YOU'RE THIRTY-TWO SECONDS BEHIND THE LEADER.

YES SIR!
SO PLEASE.
I RAN OUT AND I'M IN A BAD MOOD.
BUT YOU ONLY NEED TO BE HERE FIVE SECONDS.
NOT EVEN ROAD BUSTER COULD MAKE UP THAT MUCH TIME.


HERE'S A PRINTOUT OF THE NEW CHECKPOINT.
THANKS!
DON'T LINGER TOO LONG OR PEOPLE WILL THINK YOU'RE THROWING THE RACE!
I JUST WANT THE SMOKES. THAT WON'T TAKE TOO LONG.


Big Time
HEY, ALI!
GOAAA
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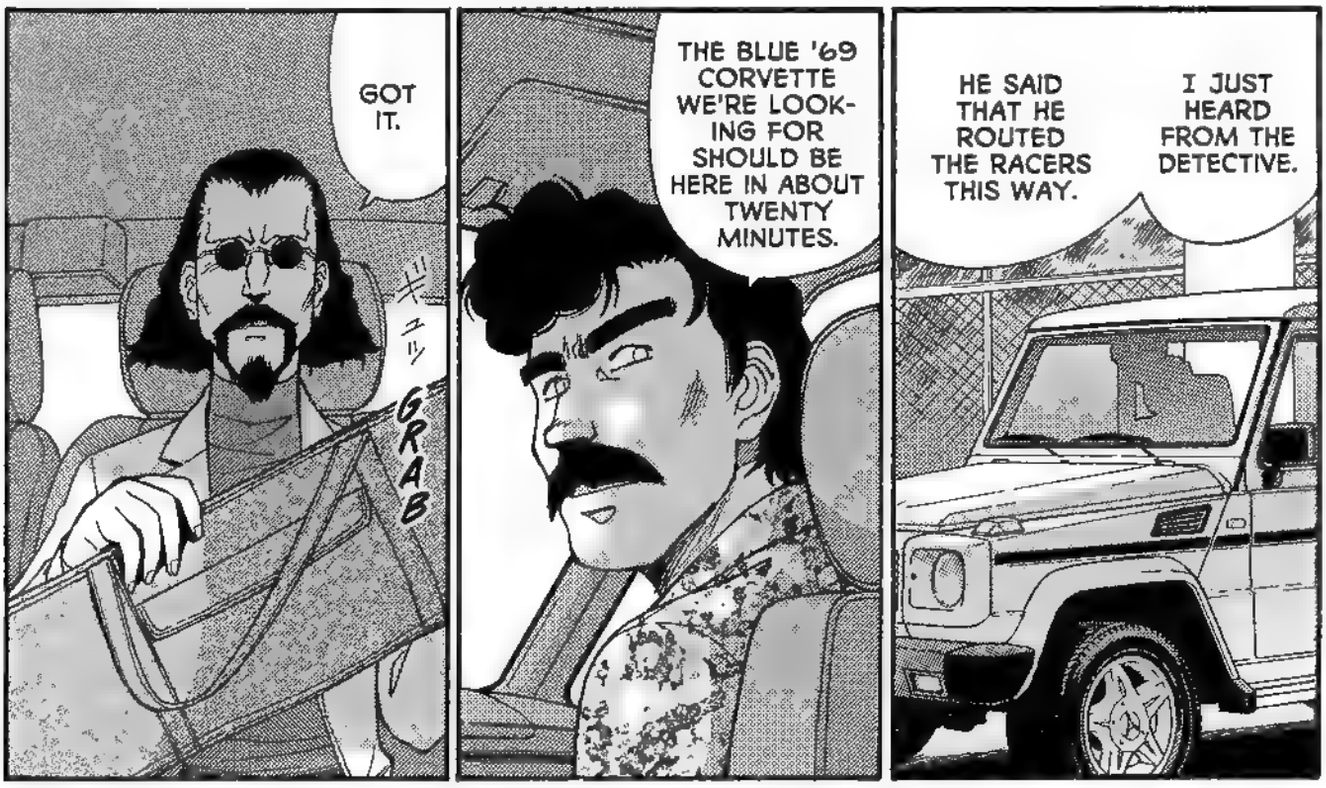
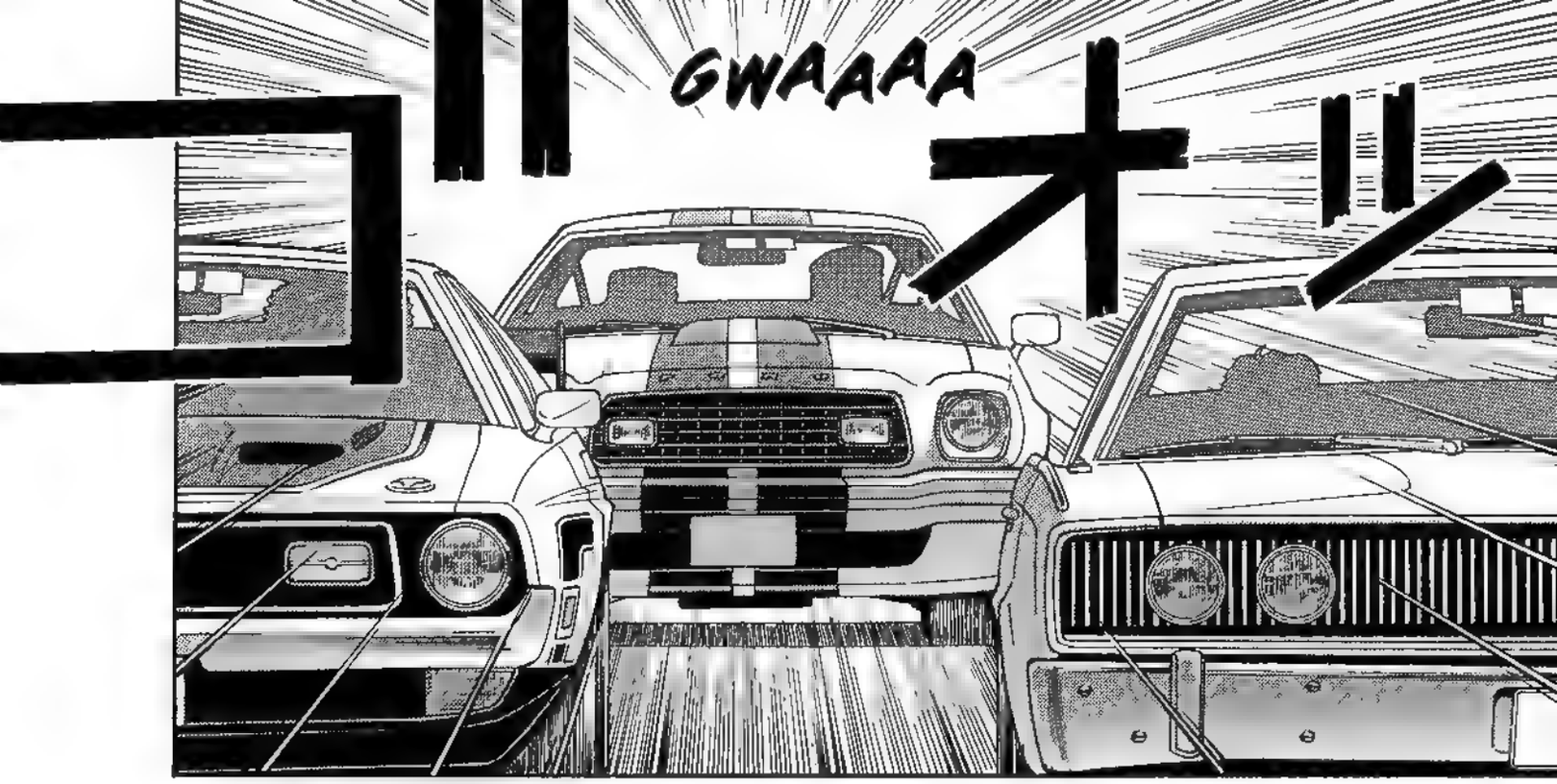

I JUST HEARD FROM THE DETECTIVE.
HE SAID THAT HE ROUTED THE RACERS THIS WAY.
THE BLUE '69 CORVETTE WE'RE LOOKING FOR SHOULD BE HERE IN ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES.
GOT IT.
GRAB

ZIP
ZA
NOW I USE IT FOR A SELF-OBSESSED WHITE DEVIL COP.
IT'S A TRUSTY WEAPON THAT'S SERVED US WELL FIGHTING WITH OUR BROTHERS.
I NEVER THOUGHT WE'D USE ONE OF THESE IN AMERICA.
BUT WE CAN USE THAT MONEY TOWARD THE CAUSES OF OUR BROTHERS.
WE'RE MERCENARIES NOW. WE KILL FOR MONEY.
STILL.
AN RPG-7 ANTI TANK ROCKET LAUNCHER...

WHAT KIND OF COP IS HE?
WHEN I SAID WHAT I NEEDED, HE GOT ONE EASILY, AND WITH A SCOPE.
IT'S NOT SO STRANGE WHEN YOU CONSIDER THAT HE COULD AFFORD TO PAY US 100 GRAND.
MAYBE HE'S NOT WORKING ALONE.
KISHI
THE SCOPE'S EVEN CALIBRATED.
WE'VE ONLY RECEIVED AN ADVANCE OF 20 GRAND.
KASHI
I KNOW... AND WE WILL!
パチッ
PACHI
WE AGREED THAT WE'D TAKE CARE OF THIS BUSINESS AND THEN RETURN TO OUR COMRADES.
WE CAN'T JUST TAKE THE MONEY AND RUN.

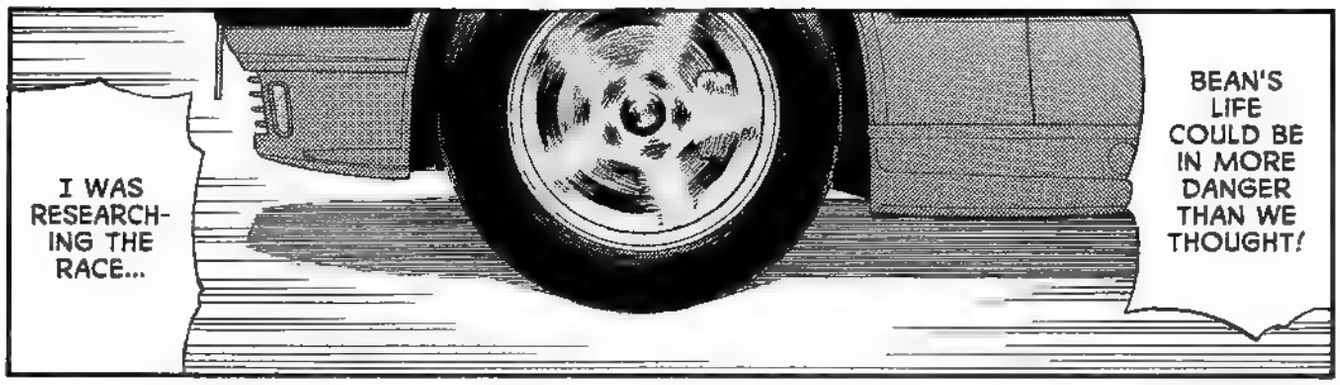
ROAD BUSTER WILL LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO ENTER THE SIGHTS OF "RPG ALI".
YOU'RE THE BEST THERE IS. IT SHOULDN'T TAKE MORE THAN ONE SHOT.
REALLY BECKY?!
IT'S A ROAD RACE SO IT'S POSSIBILE THAT INNOCENT PEOPLE COULD GET CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE.
YES! SOMEONE IS PLANNING A TERRORIST ATTACK DURING THE RACE TO KILL ROAD BUSTER!
GOT IT! I'VE ALREADY PUT IN A REQUEST FOR A HELICOPTER! IS RALLY DOING ANYTHING TO HELP?
I HAVE THE SECRET LOCATION OF THE NEXT CHECKPOINT. I'LL SEND IT TO YOU!
NO COMMENT! THE NEXT CHECKPOINT IS...
DON'T TELL ME SHE'S IN THE RACE?!

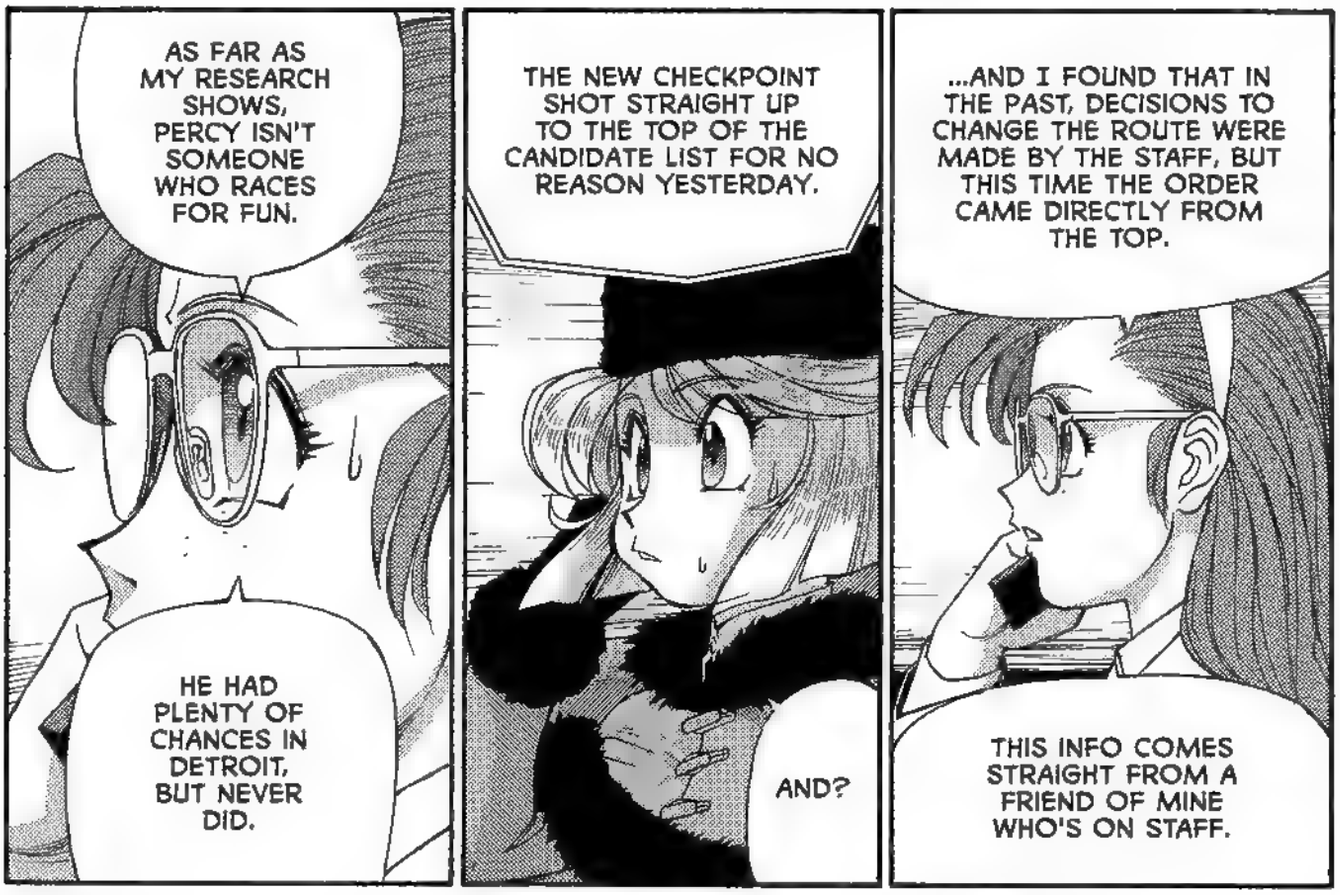

GWAAAA

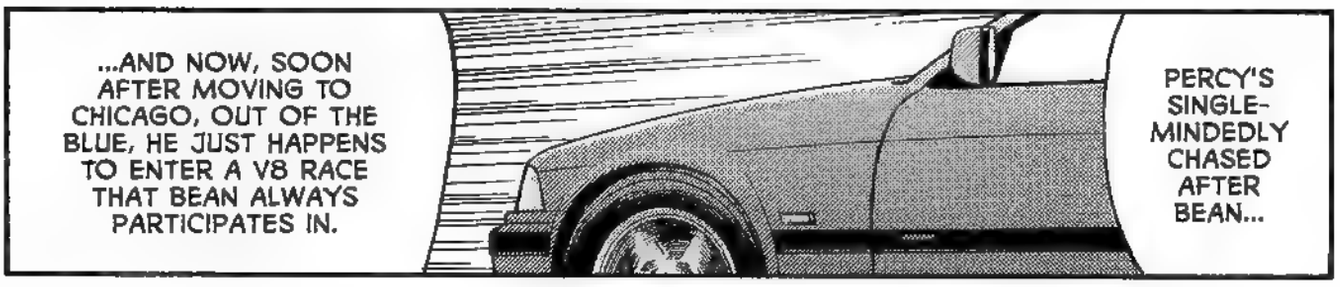
WE'LL BE IN FIFTH PLACE AFTER THE FIRST CHECK-POINT!
CALM DOWN, MAMA.
DARN! THEY'RE TOO FAST!!

WE SHOULD BE SEEING A HELICOPTER SOON.
SHIT! I'VE GOT WOMEN WITH CHILDREN BOTH IN FRONT AND BEHIND ME. V8 IS A MAN'S WORLD!

WE TOLD YOU NOT TO DO ANY-THING!
YOU TOLD ROY?! BECKY, WHY?!
WHAT? THE CHECK-POINT INFO I GAVE YOU--?


I WAS RESEARCH-ING THE RACE...
BEAN'S LIFE COULD BE IN MORE DANGER THAN WE THOUGHT!

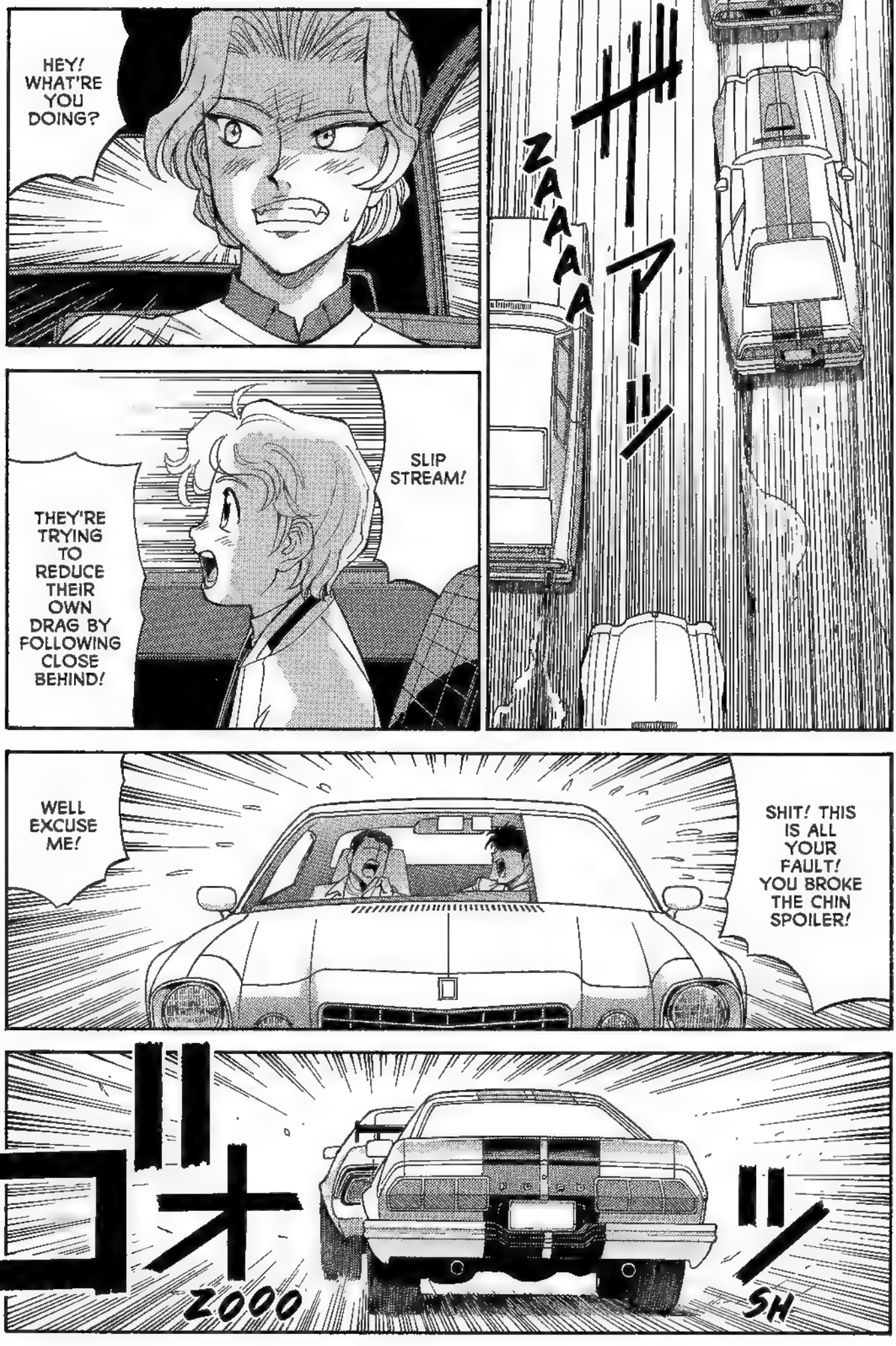

AS FAR AS MY RESEARCH SHOWS, PERCY ISN'T SOMEONE WHO RACES FOR FUN.
HE HAD PLENTY OF CHANCES IN DETROIT, BUT NEVER DID.
THE NEW CHECKPOINT SHOT STRAIGHT UP TO THE TOP OF THE CANDIDATE LIST FOR NO REASON YESTERDAY.
AND?
...AND I FOUND THAT IN THE PAST, DECISIONS TO CHANGE THE ROUTE WERE MADE BY THE STAFF, BUT THIS TIME THE ORDER CAME DIRECTLY FROM THE TOP.
THIS INFO COMES STRAIGHT FROM A FRIEND OF MINE WHO'S ON STAFF.

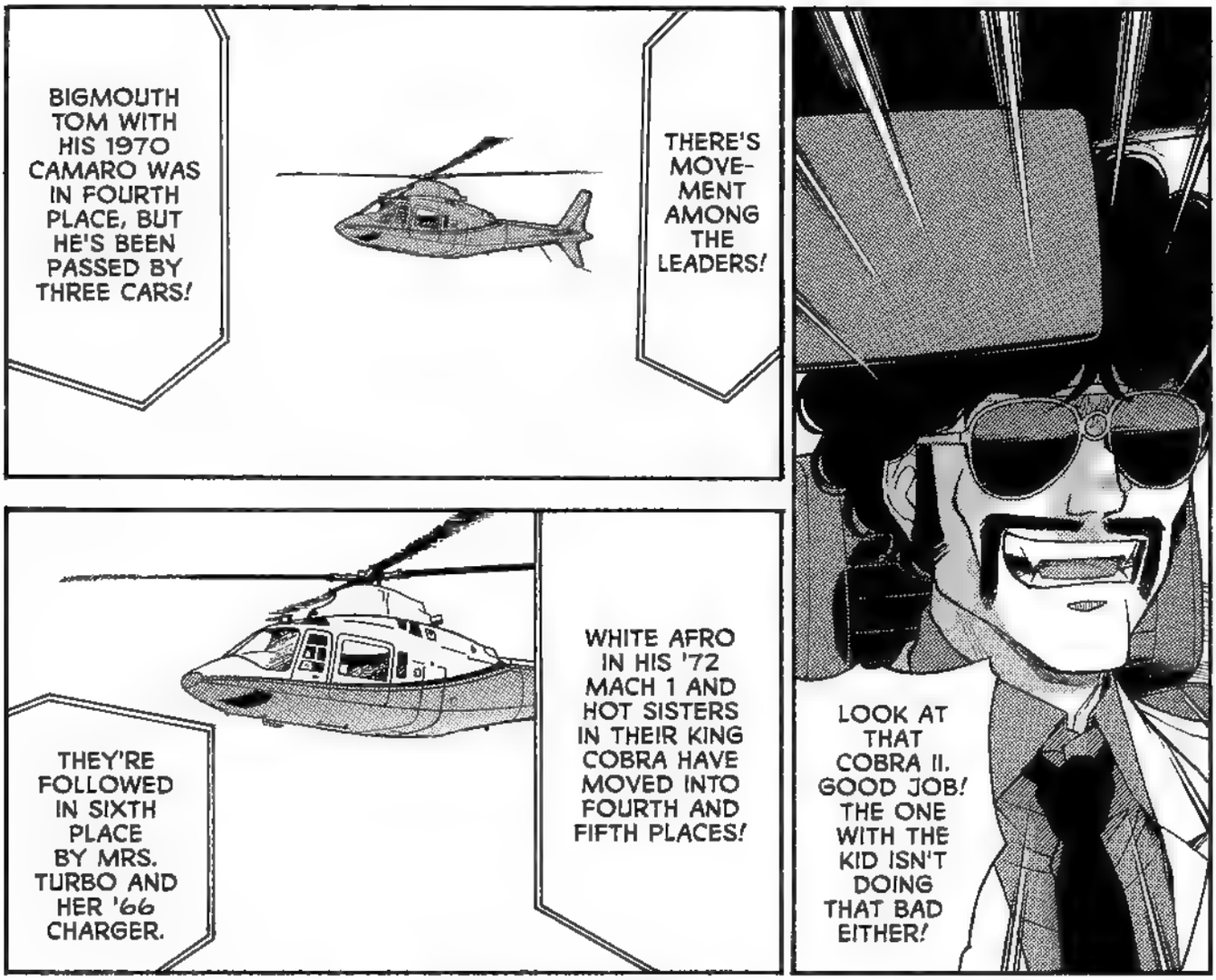

...AND NOW, SOON AFTER MOVING TO CHICAGO, OUT OF THE BLUE, HE JUST HAPPENS TO ENTER A V8 RACE THAT BEAN ALWAYS PARTICIPATES IN.
PERCY'S SINGLE-MINDEDLY CHASED AFTER BEAN...

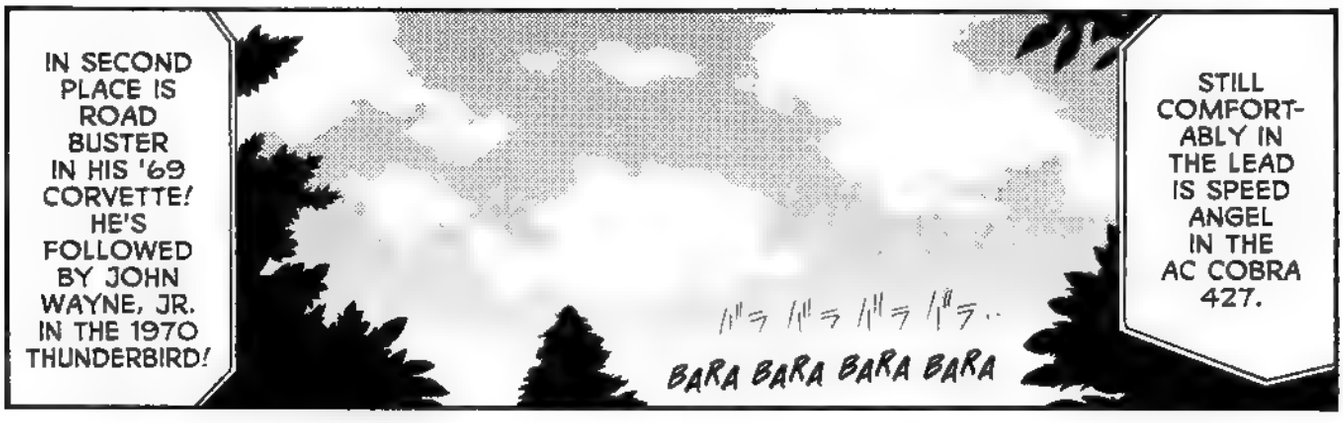
...BEAN COULD FIND HIMSELF BEING ATTACKED!!
IF THE RACE ORGAN-IZER'S BEEN COMPRI-MISED...

!!
MAYBE HE CHANGED THE ROUTE TO LURE BEAN INTO A TRAP LACED WITH BOMBS OR HEAVY WEAPONRY.
IF BEAN DIES, WE'LL NEVER GET OUR MONEY!
YOU HAVE TO CALL BEAN!
I TRIED. HE'S BLOCKED INCOMING CALLS!
I'M GOING HOME TO CONTINUE MY RESEARCH!
THE DATA SPEED ON THESE PHONES IS TERRIBLE!
IF YOU CATCH UP TO BEAN, BE SURE TO WARN HIM!
WHAT'D SHE SAY?
PERCY'S SET A TRAP UP AHEAD TO KILL BEAN.

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?
SO WHAT?
ZASH
SOMEONE'S ALWAYS GUNNING FOR BEAN.
SWERVE
...FIRE-FIGHTS, BAZOOKAS, OR EVEN TANKS ARE PAR FOR THE COURSE.
ONCE SHE KNEW WHAT BEAN HAD PLANNED FOR THE RACE...
GWAAAAA


HEY! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
ZAAAAA
SLIP STREAM!
THEY'RE TRYING TO REDUCE THEIR OWN DRAG BY FOLLOWING CLOSE BEHIND!
WELL EXCUSE ME!
SHIT! THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT! YOU BROKE THE CHIN SPOILER!
ZOOO
SH


BIGMOUTH TOM WITH HIS 1970 CAMARO WAS IN FOURTH PLACE, BUT HE'S BEEN PASSED BY THREE CARS!
THERE'S MOVE-MENT AMONG THE LEADERS!
LOOK AT THAT COBRA II. GOOD JOB! THE ONE WITH THE KID ISN'T DOING THAT BAD EITHER!
WHITE AFRO IN HIS '72 MACH 1 AND HOT SISTERS IN THEIR KING COBRA HAVE MOVED INTO FOURTH AND FIFTH PLACES!
THEY'RE FOLLOWED IN SIXTH PLACE BY MRS. TURBO AND HER '66 CHARGER.


IN SECOND PLACE IS ROAD BUSTER IN HIS '69 CORVETTE! HE'S FOLLOWED BY JOHN WAYNE, JR. IN THE 1970 THUNDERBIRD!
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BARA BARA BARA BARA
STILL COMFORT-ABLY IN THE LEAD IS SPEED ANGEL IN THE AC COBRA 427.

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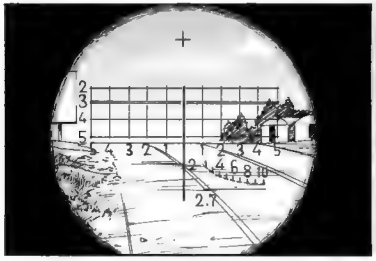
BARA BARA BARA BARA BARA BARA
I THINK THEY'RE ALMOST HERE.
HMM.

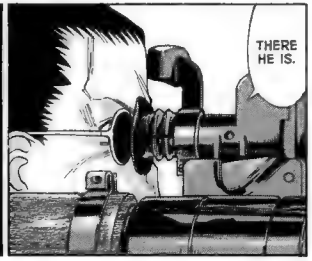
YEAH, IF IT'S A '69.
DOESN'T THAT HAVE A METAL BUMPER?
HERE.
YEAH. YOUR TARGET IS THE BLUE CORVETTE FOLLOWING BEHIND IT.
THE AC COBRA'S IN THE LEAD, RIGHT?
SHAME TO DESTROY IT.
KACH
IT'S ONE OF THE FEW CARS AMERICA CAN BRAG ABOUT TO THE WORLD.
KISHIK
THEY SAY IT'S AN AMAZING CAR WITH A LEGENDARY LS-7 UNDER THE HOOD.
AN LS-7? COOL.
FUON
GROOO

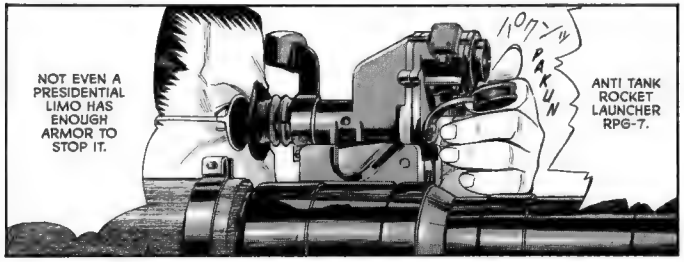
GOO
AAA
THERE'S THE AC COBRA IN FIRST PLACE.
WHAT WAS THAT?
!!
HYU
HERE WE GO.
SNAP
THAT'S OUR CUE.

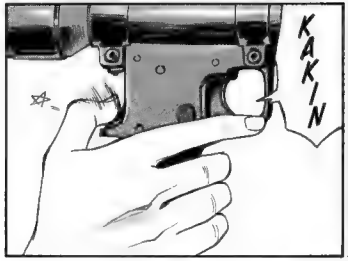
BA
CHAK

ALI! ONCE YOU GET THE CAR, TAKE THAT DOWN, TOO.
UNDER-STOOD!
THE BROADCAST HELICOPTER.
BARA BARA BARA BARA BARA BARA BARA




THERE HE IS.


NOT EVEN A PRESIDENTIAL LIMO HAS ENOUGH ARMOR TO STOP IT.
PAKUN
ANTI TANK ROCKET LAUNCHER RPG-7.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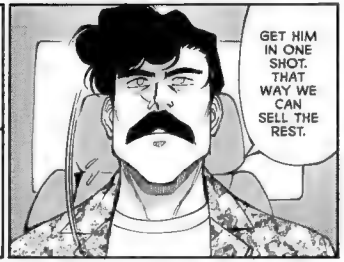

GET HIM IN ONE SHOT. THAT WAY WE CAN SELL THE REST.

AND NOW THE GROUP BEHIND SEEMS TO BE GAINING!
BARA BARA BARA BARA BARA BARA
THE RACE FAVORITE ROAD BUSTER SEEMS TO BE MIRED IN SECOND PLACE!
SHOOM
SHIBO
KO
!

CHAPTER 23/END

CHAPTER 24
RPG-7

I DON'T HAVE TIME TO AVOID IT!!

IT'S HEADED STRAIGHT FOR ME!

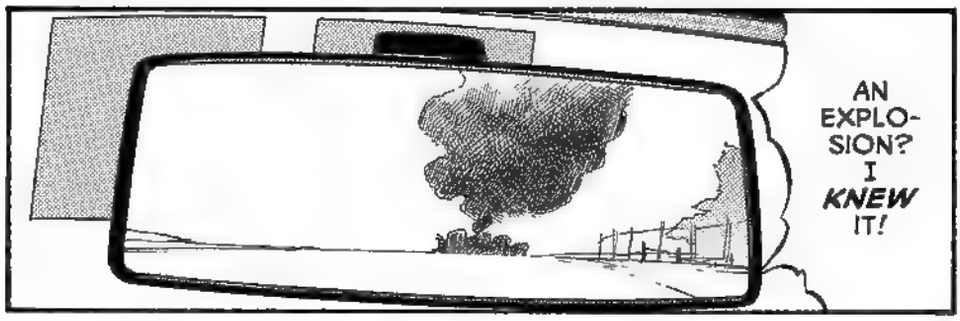
ROAR

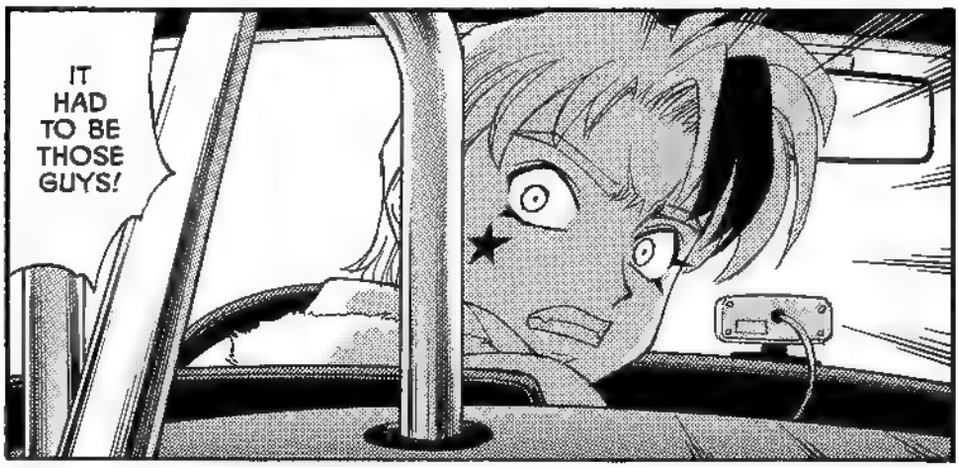
FOOL!!

YOU THINK BY SPEEDING UP YOU CAN MAKE IT SHOOT STRAIGHT THROUGH?

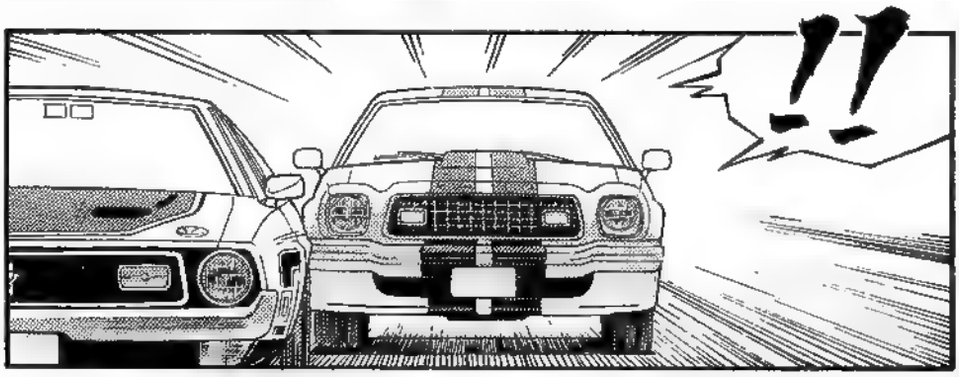
THUMP
SHOOM
KIIIN

SHHHH
BOOM!
RICO-CHET ?!
DAMN!
I'M USED TO SHOOTING ANGULAR ARMORED TRUCKS AND HELI-COPTERS!
SOR-RY!
I'LL GET HIM WITH THE NEXT ONE!
TRY AGAIN FROM THE SIDE OR REAR!
IT RICO-CHETED OFF THE BULGE ON THE HOOD.
WE MAY HAVE TO CHASE HIM!
KACHIK
MOVE TO THE DRIVER'S SEAT!


AN EXPLO-SION? I *KNEW* IT!


IT HAD TO BE THOSE GUYS!

BEAN!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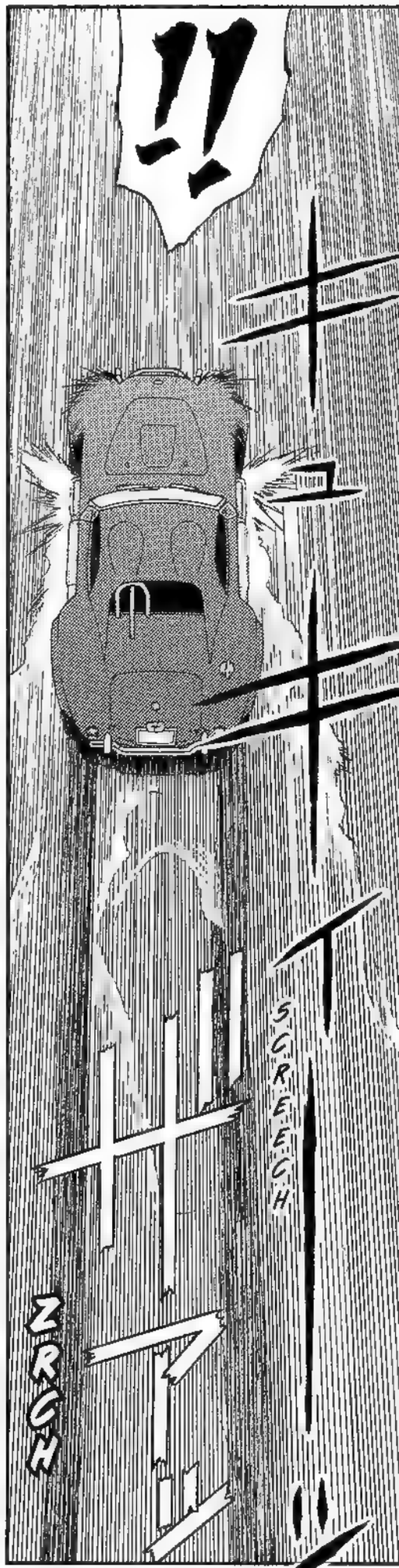
THEY DID IT!!
YES! ♥

THAT SMOKE...
...IT CAN'T BE!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SCREECH
ZRGH
!!

ZASHU
キュッ
SCREECH
CRACK

バキッ
CLINK
キーン
CLINK
UH OH.
HYU
WOOSH

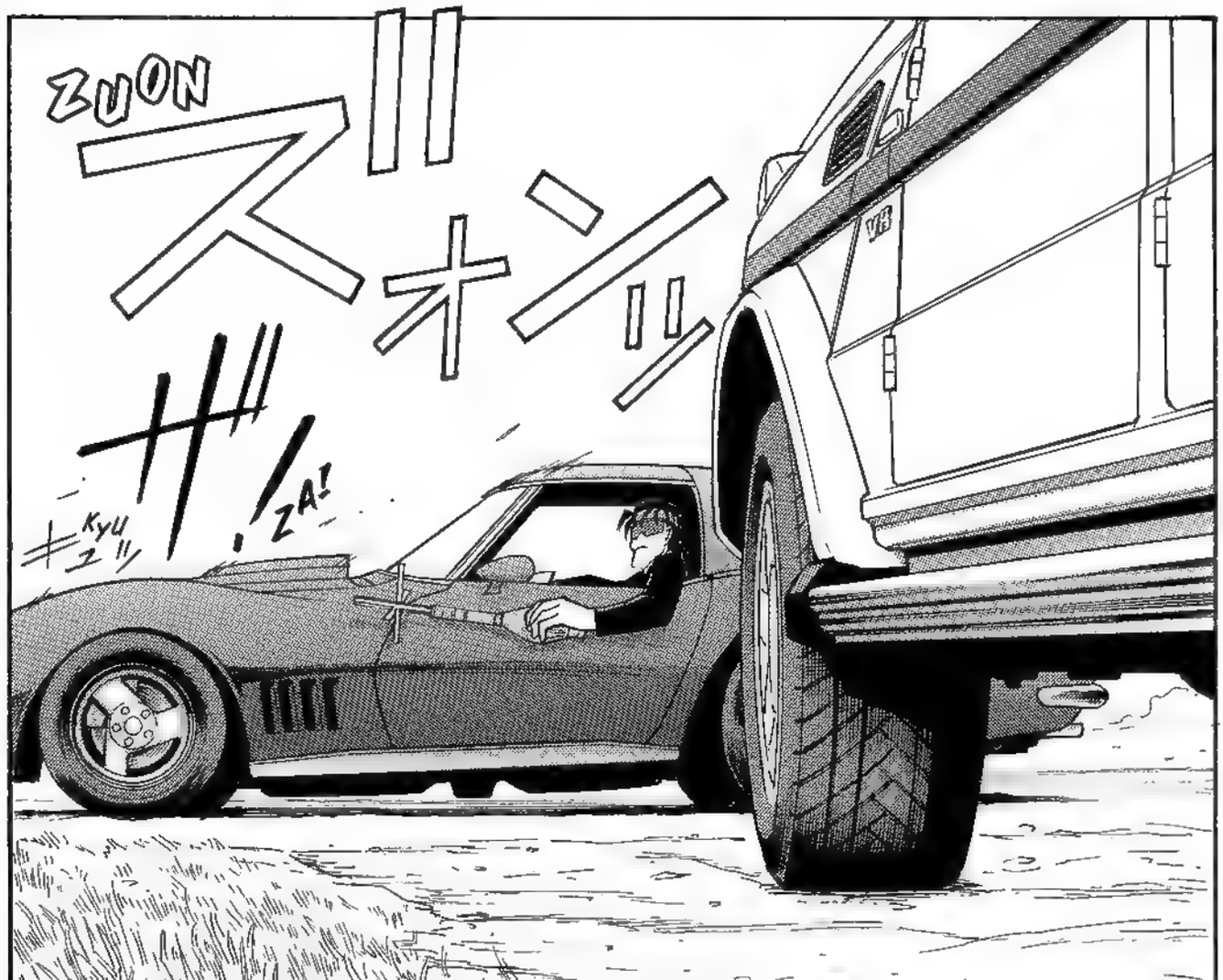
KCHIK
SHA
TAKE THAT!
BOSH!
BOOSH

GRAB
SPUTTER
NNN!
BUWA
SCREECH
BUOO
SHHHH
AAHHH!
HOLY

SCREECH
ZA

GYUO

THE GRENADE! HOW --?!


ZUON
KYU
ZA!

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EVEN I KNOW THAT THE FUSE ON THIS WEAPON DOESN'T ARM UNTIL YOU LIGHT THE ROCKET!
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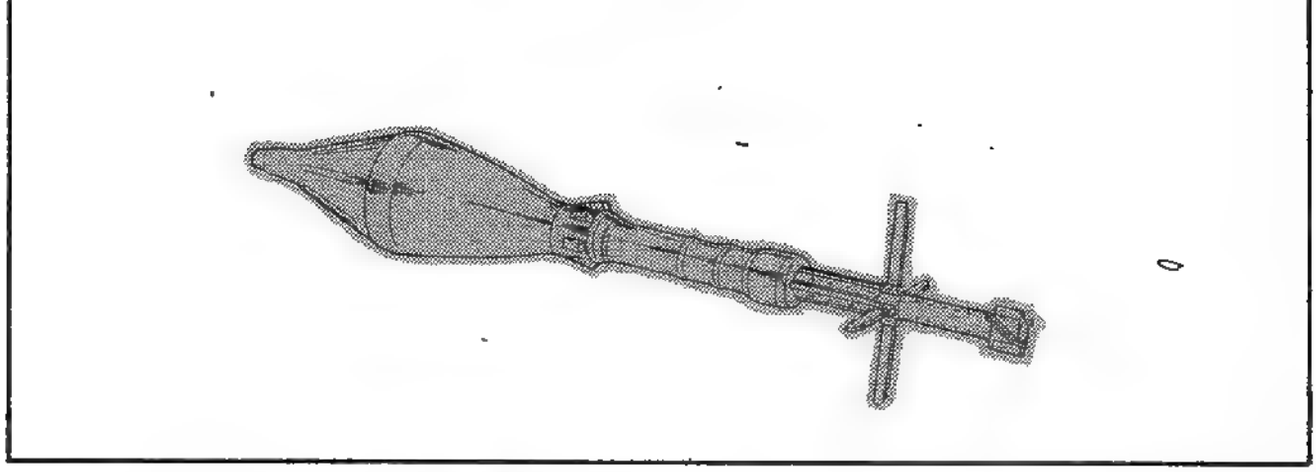
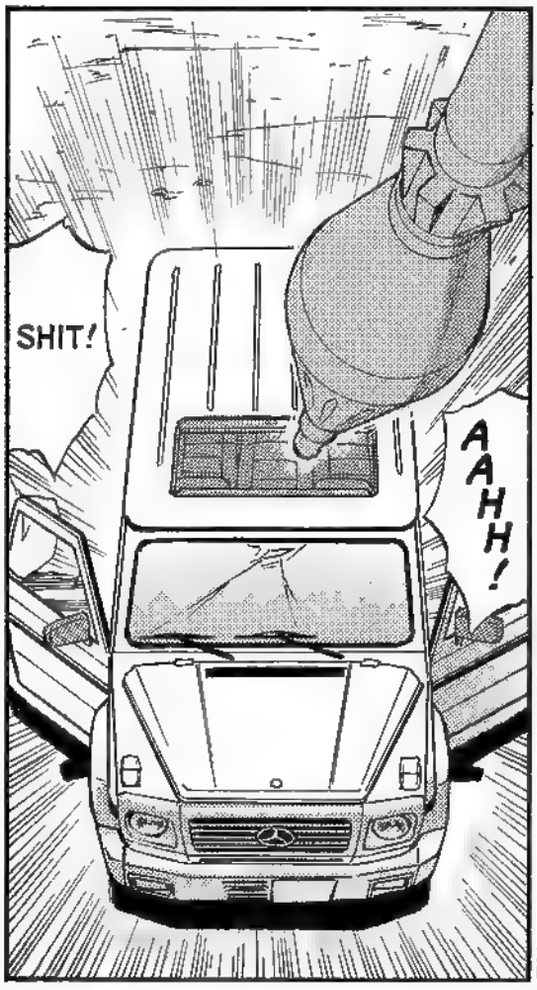
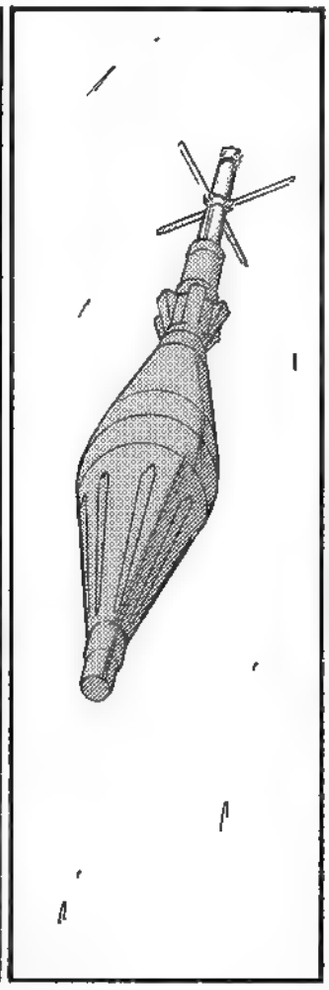
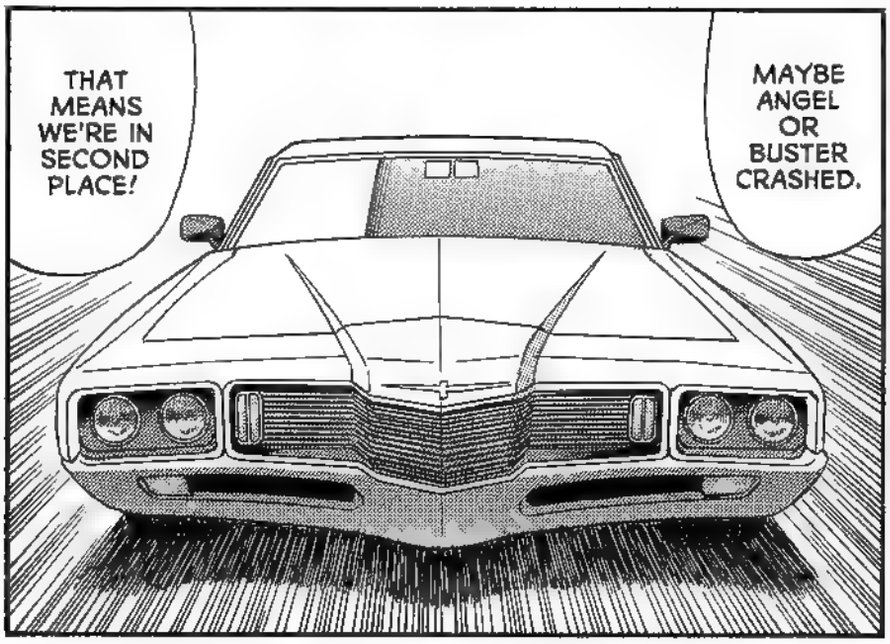
GACHAK
AND THAT EVEN THOUGH IT'S FUEL BURNED OUT...
...IT'S STILL LIVE!
HYU

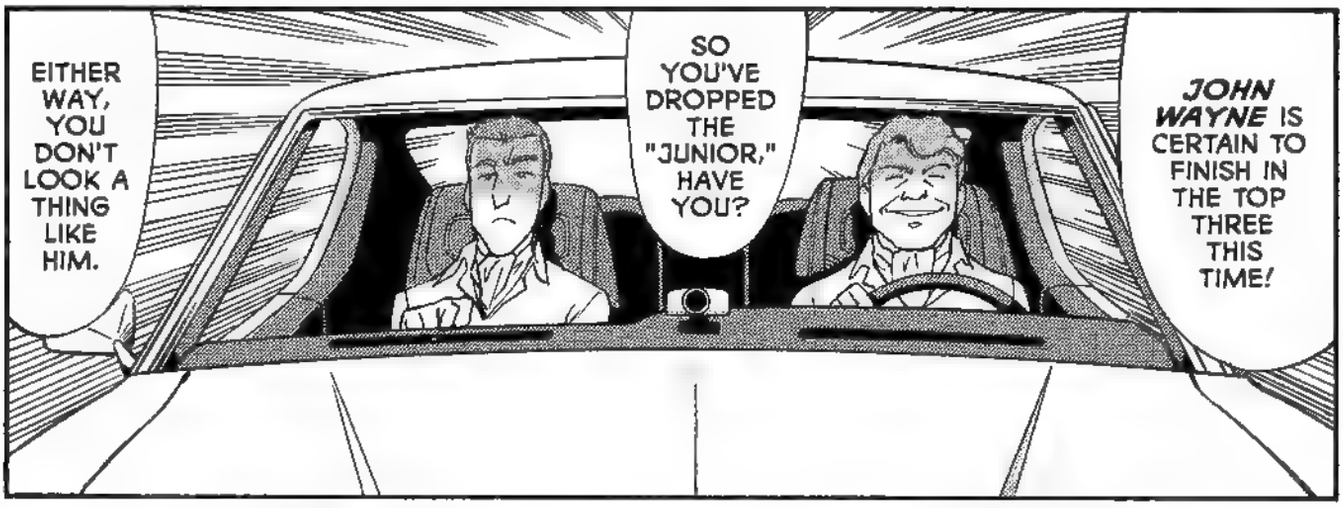



SHIT!
AAHH!




THAT MEANS WE'RE IN SECOND PLACE!
MAYBE ANGEL OR BUSTER CRASHED.

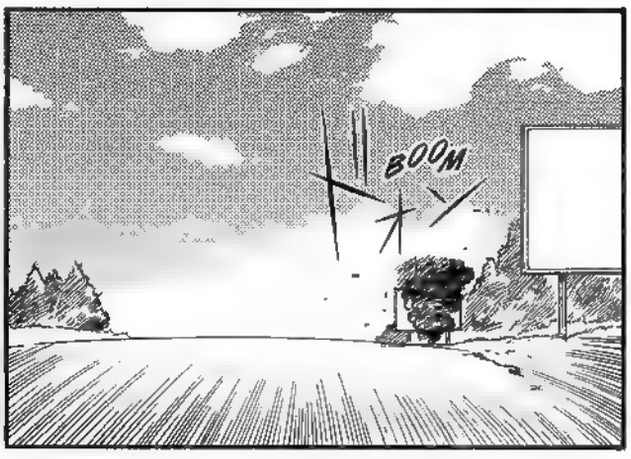
THAT SMOKE...


EITHER WAY, YOU DON'T LOOK A THING LIKE HIM.
SO YOU'VE DROPPED THE "JUNIOR," HAVE YOU?
JOHN WAYNE IS CERTAIN TO FINISH IN THE TOP THREE THIS TIME!

HUH?
DON'T WORRY. THE SECOND CHECK-POINT IS ONLY--

YOU'VE ALREADY USED ALL OF YOUR NITRO.
I'D BE MORE WORRIED ABOUT THAT MACH 1 GAINING ON YOU!

WE'RE IN FIRST PLACE?
ANOTHER ONE? DOES THAT MEAN...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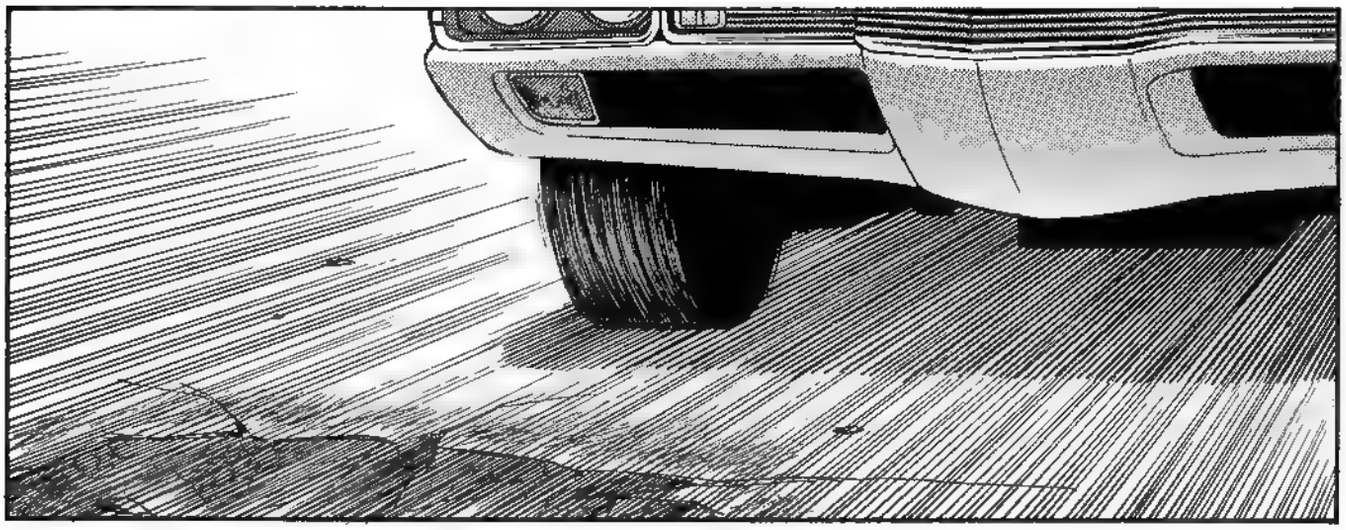

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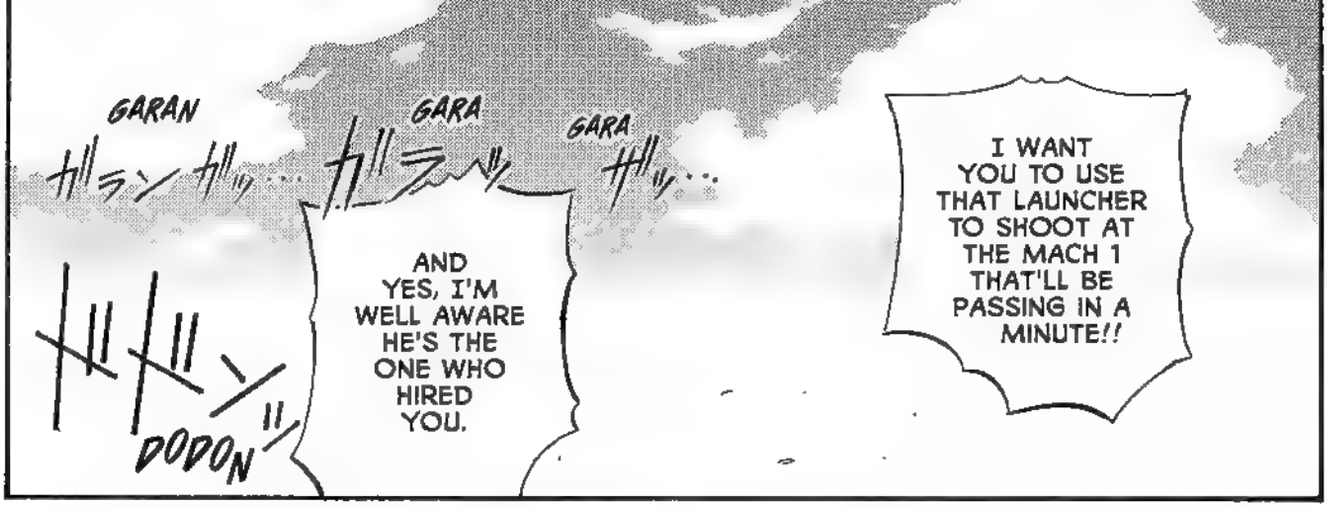
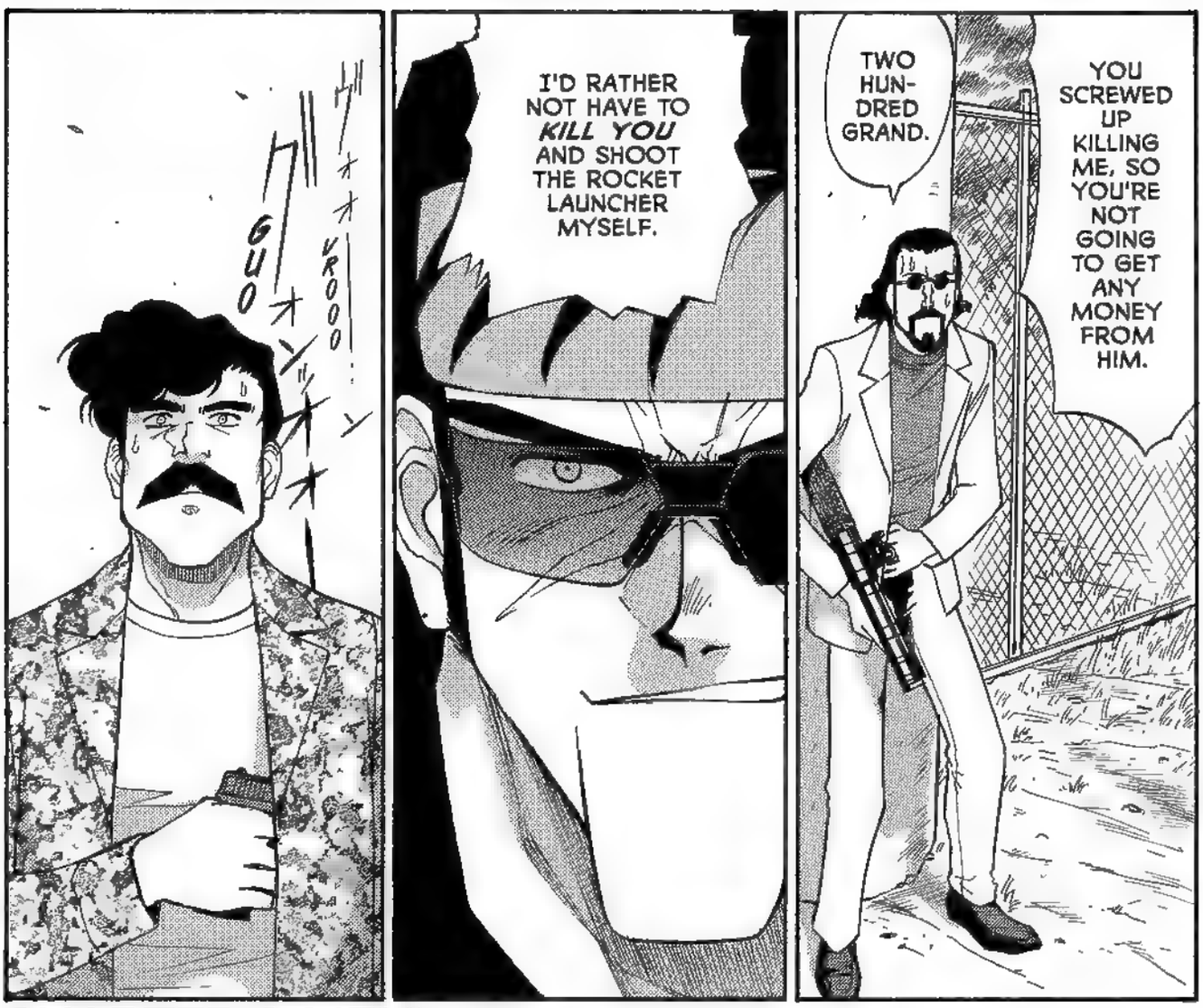
CRASH
オン
SCRAPE
SCRAPE
ズドン
ZUDON
AAHH!
WHACK
!!
I NEED TO GET OUT OF THIS LANE!
THAT CAR! IT'S FRONT RIGHT TIRE CAUGHT ON SOME-THING!
WHAT ?!
LOOK OUT!
!?

SWERVE
GYU
WAS THAT CAUSED BY THE RPG?
DETEC-TIVE! YOU DON'T THINK --!
I BET THAT WAS THE FIRST EXPLO-SION!
RALLY! THAT HOLE!
AN ACE SHOT WAS AIMING AT AN UNARMED CAR!
THEY CAN'T HAVE FAILED.
I'LL OFFER YOU A DEAL!
LISTEN UP YOU TWO!


GARAN
GARA
GARA
DODON
AND YES, I'M WELL AWARE HE'S THE ONE WHO HIRED YOU.
I WANT YOU TO USE THAT LAUNCHER TO SHOOT AT THE MACH 1 THAT'LL BE PASSING IN A MINUTE!!


GUO
VROOO
I'D RATHER NOT HAVE TO KILL YOU AND SHOOT THE ROCKET LAUNCHER MYSELF.
TWO HUN-DRED GRAND.
YOU SCREWED UP KILLING ME, SO YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET ANY MONEY FROM HIM.

CHAPTER 24 / END

CHAPTER 25 THE STANDOFF

GUO
BUO
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SHBO
RO
AR

キュイーン
SCREECH
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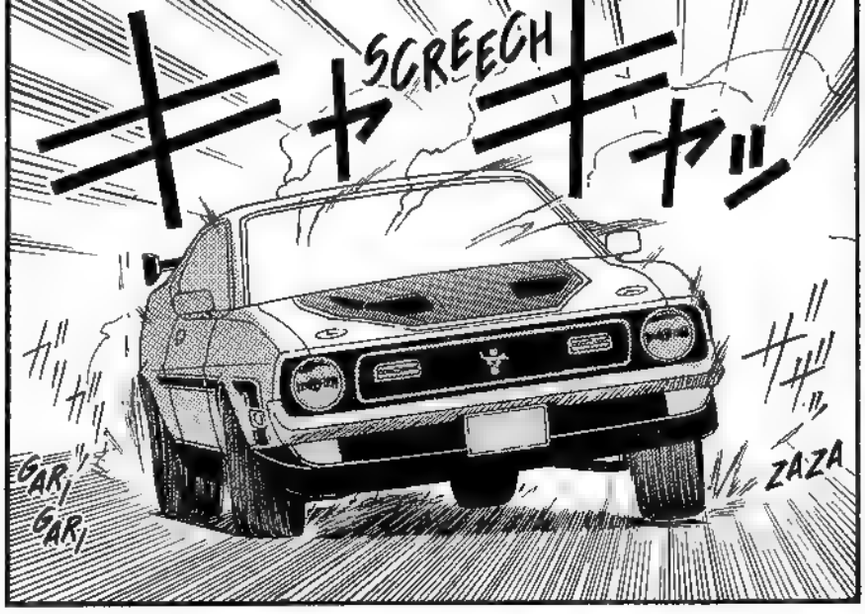
WHAT THE --?!
AN RPG ?!


キャ SCREECH キャッ
GARI GARI
ZAZA

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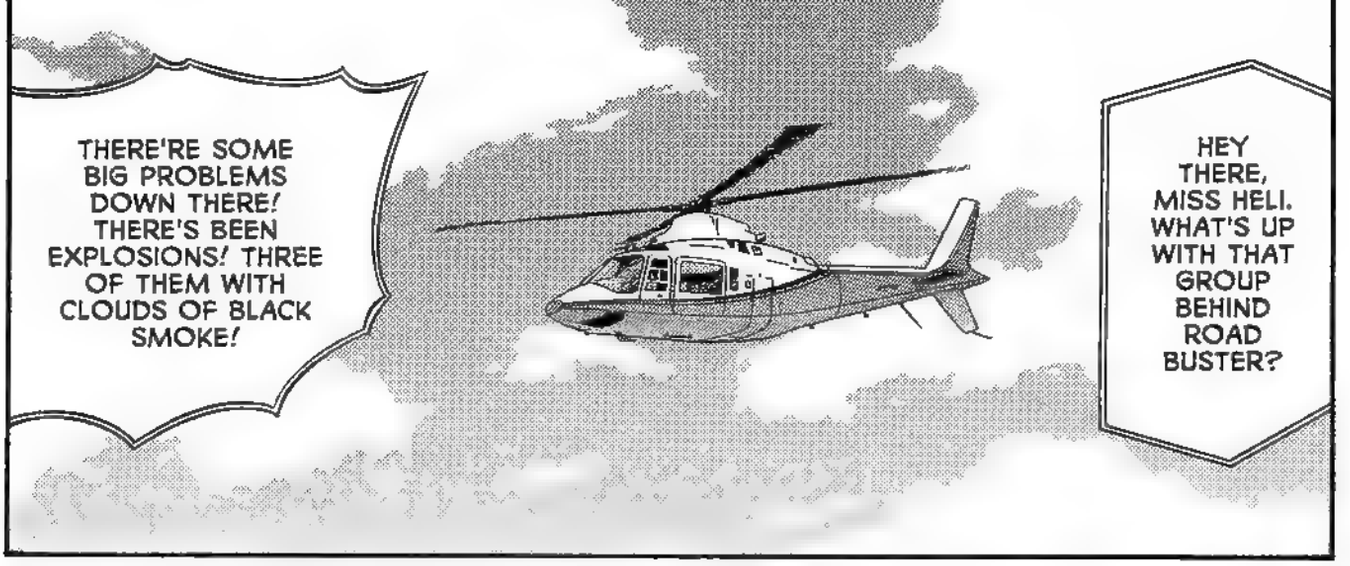
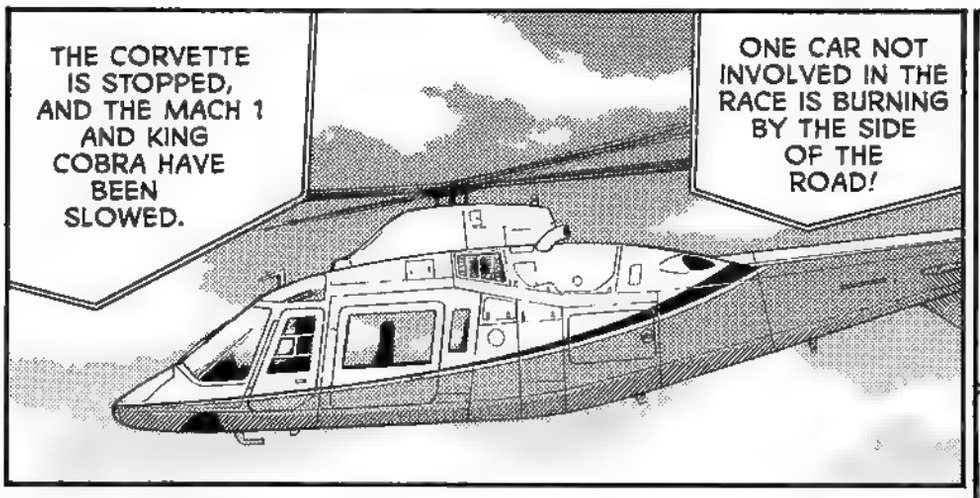
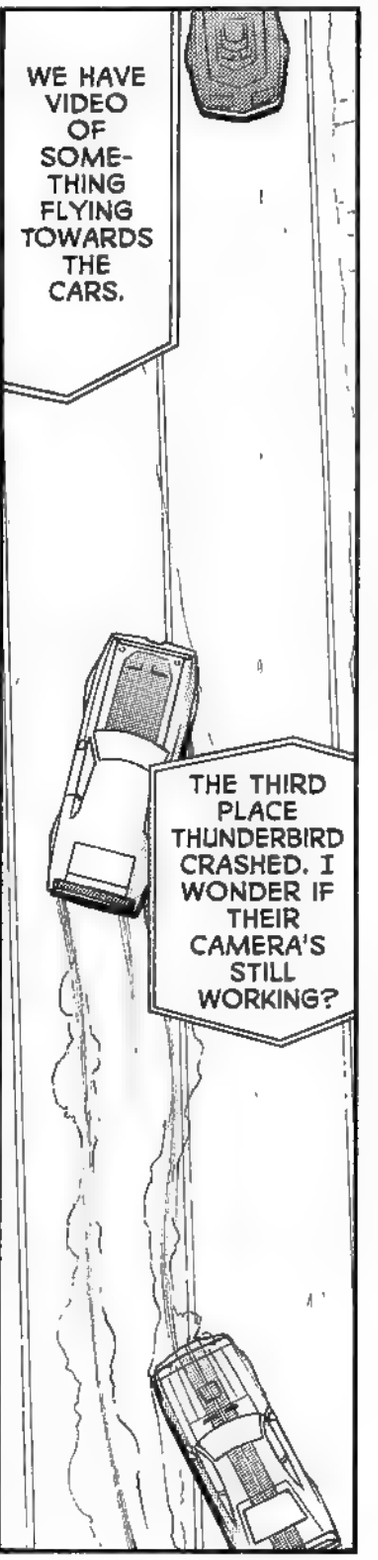
ZUBAA ッ

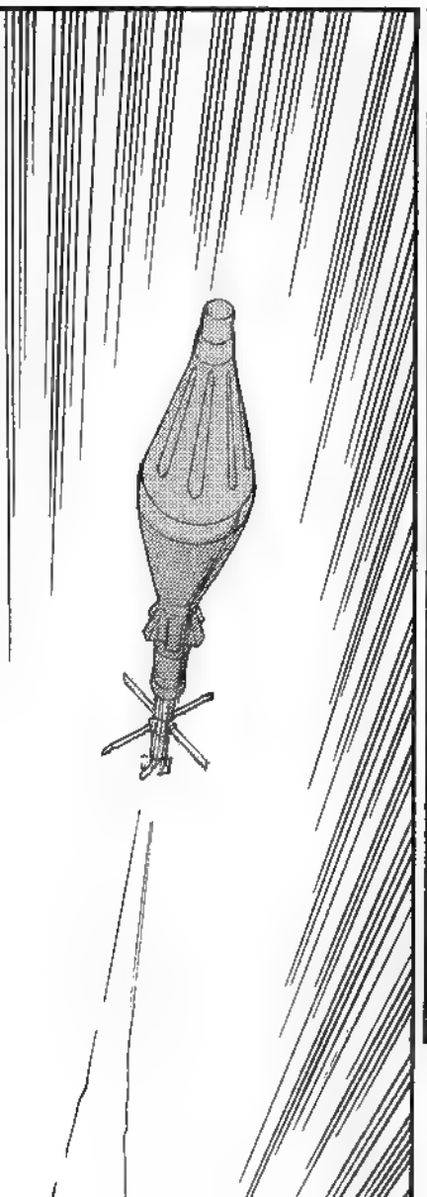
I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU WERE A PRO!
YOU MISSED!

I CAN'T PUT OUT ALL OF THE FIRE WITH JUST ONE EXTINGUISHER! THIS COULD BE TROUBLE!
IT WAS JUST A FLESH WOUND! STOP MAKING EXCUSES!
I LOST MY CONCENTRATION WHEN YOU STUCK YOUR KNIFE IN MY BELLY !!


THERE'RE SOME BIG PROBLEMS DOWN THERE! THERE'S BEEN EXPLOSIONS! THREE OF THEM WITH CLOUDS OF BLACK SMOKE!
HEY THERE, MISS HELI. WHAT'S UP WITH THAT GROUP BEHIND ROAD BUSTER?


THE CORVETTE IS STOPPED, AND THE MACH 1 AND KING COBRA HAVE BEEN SLOWED.
ONE CAR NOT INVOLVED IN THE RACE IS BURNING BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD!


WE HAVE VIDEO OF SOME-THING FLYING TOWARDS THE CARS.
THE THIRD PLACE THUNDERBIRD CRASHED. I WONDER IF THEIR CAMERA'S STILL WORKING?



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I CAN SEE TWO LARGE HOLES IN THE ROAD WHERE THE CARS ARE STOPPED.
THAT MUST BE WHAT'S SLOWING EVERY-THING DOWN.

BOOM
THU
I TOLD YOU NOT TO MOCK THE SKILLS OF RPG ALI!!
KISHU
HA!
HA!
ROAR
BABAN
DID YOU SEE THAT? I HIT IT!
HA!
BABAN
mach 1
MUSTANG
ZA
KYU
HA!

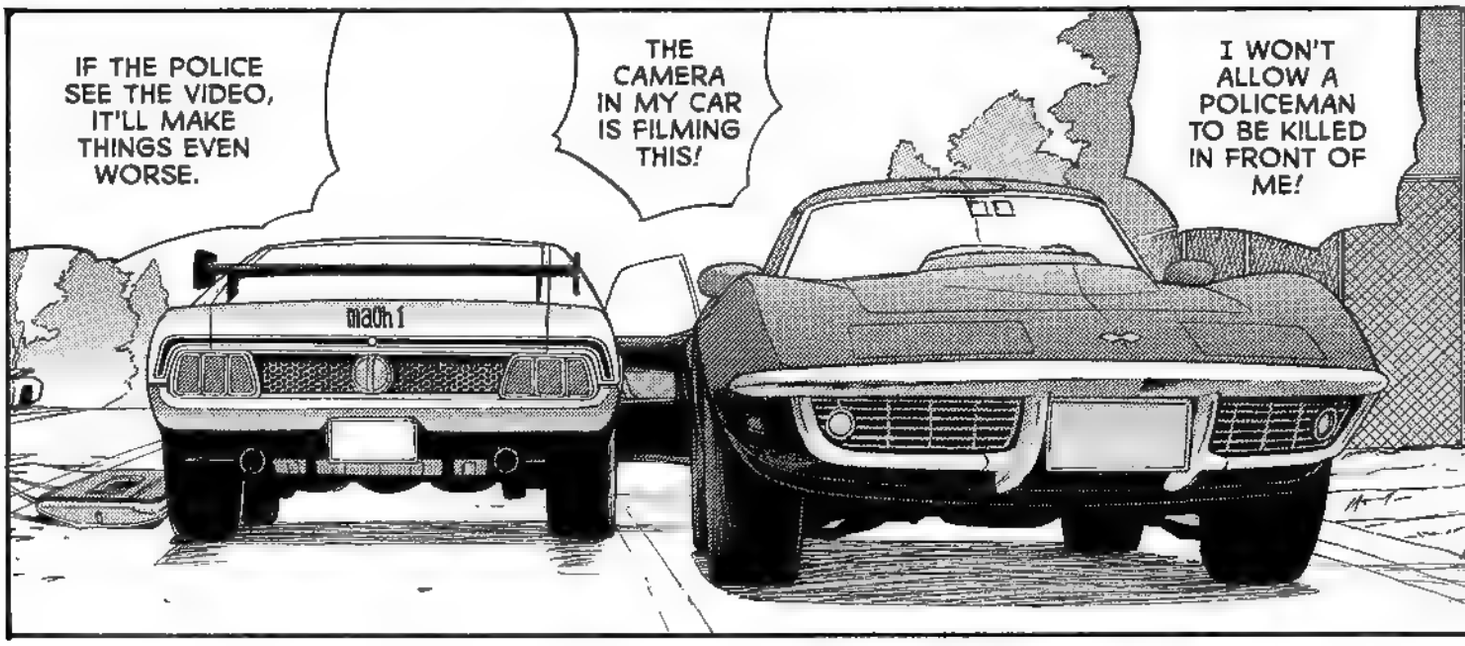
BAM
Y... YES SIR!
OPEN THE DOOR!
ROAR
SHHHH
SHIGO

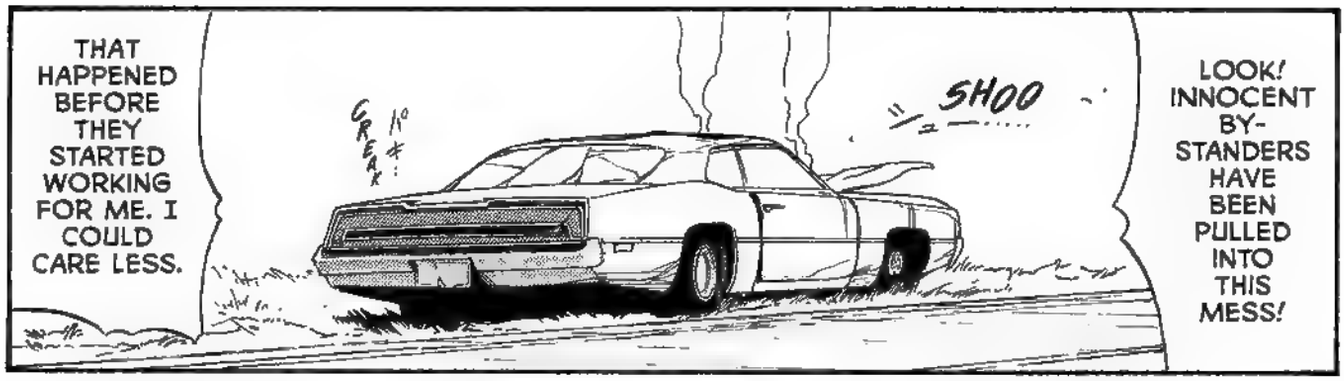
BEAN!
SCREECH!!
ZAHH!
YOU CALL YOURSELF A PRO? IT FLEW OUT THE OTHER SIDE!
I NEVER MISS WHEN SHOOTING AN ARMORED CAR OR HELICOPTER!
I SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER.
I CAN TAKE HIM OUT FROM HERE...
IT MUST HAVE BEEN A DUD. THERE WAS NO EXPLOSION.
OW! HOT, HOT HOT!
GUH!!
CLUNK
mach 1
MUSTANG

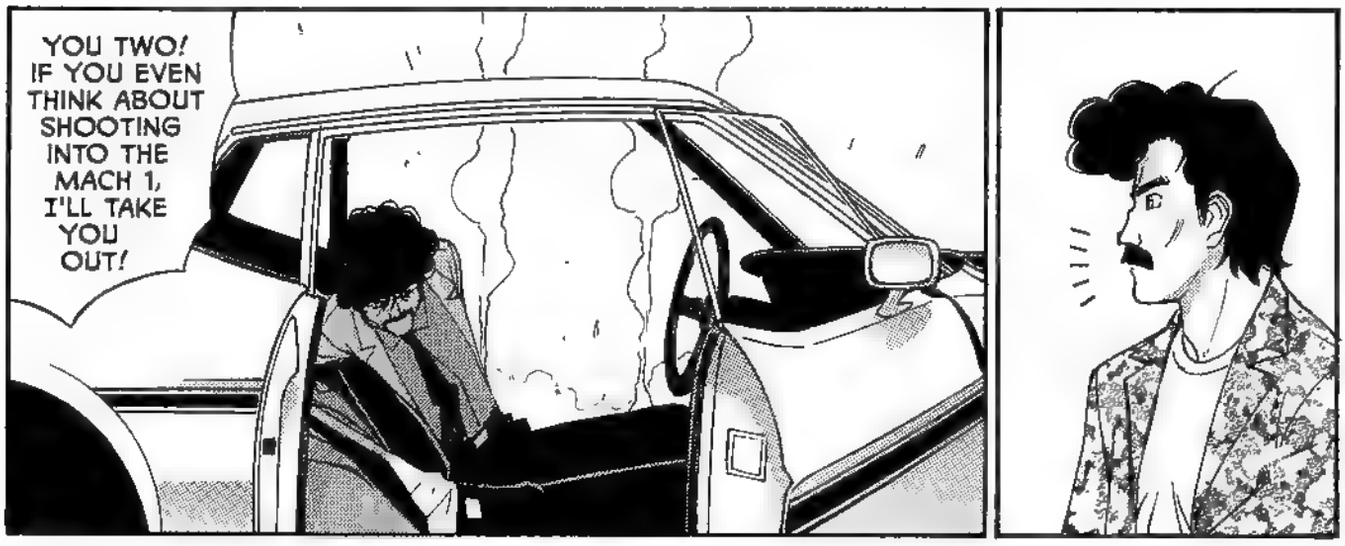
...WITH THIS SHOTGUN.
BANG
CHING
!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU HIRED MEN TO KILL A POLICE OFFICER!
BEAN! I MIS-JUDGED YOU!
WHAT?

I JUST USED THE ONES PERCY HIRED TO TURN THE TABLES ON HIM.
ZA
I DIDN'T BRING THEM HERE.
LOOKS CAN DECEIVE, RALLY.
WHO'S THAT WOMAN?

I RELY ON COOPER-ATION WITH THE POLICE!
I'M A BOUNTY HUNTER!
HE'S GOT IT COM-ING.
I'LL DEAL OUT MY JUSTICE AND KILL THE COP WHO HIRED THESE TWO TO KILL ME.


IF THE POLICE SEE THE VIDEO, IT'LL MAKE THINGS EVEN WORSE.
THE CAMERA IN MY CAR IS FILMING THIS!
I WON'T ALLOW A POLICEMAN TO BE KILLED IN FRONT OF ME!


THAT HAPPENED BEFORE THEY STARTED WORKING FOR ME. I COULD CARE LESS.
SHOO
LOOK! INNOCENT BY-STANDERS HAVE BEEN PULLED INTO THIS MESS!


YOU TWO! IF YOU EVEN THINK ABOUT SHOOTING INTO THE MACH 1, I'LL TAKE YOU OUT!

IF WE WANT TO MAKE SURE HE DIES, WE HAVE TO ACT NOW.
HE ONLY GOT HIT BY THE EXHAUST FLAMES FROM THE ROCKET.
IS HE DYING?

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クォン
GUON
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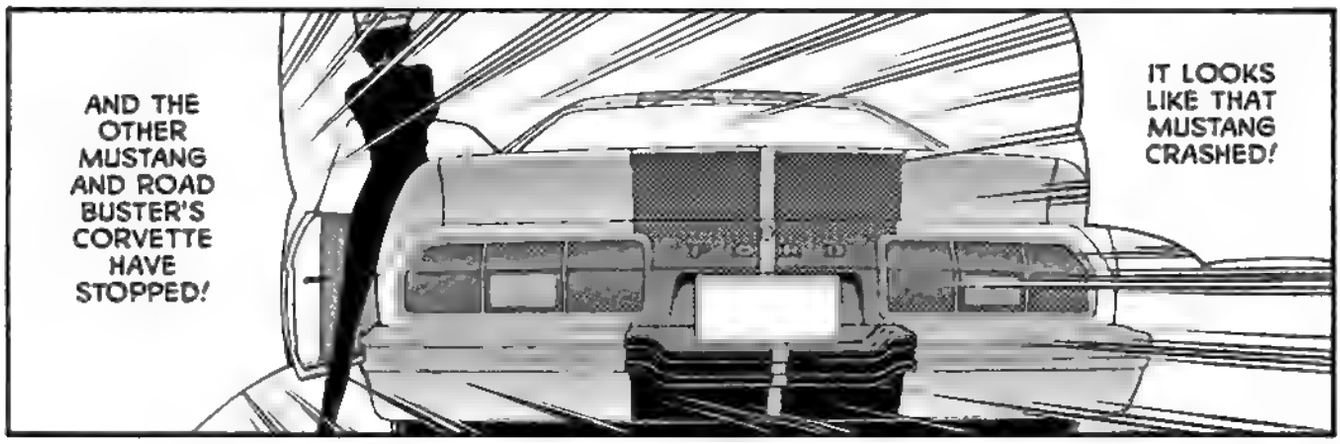
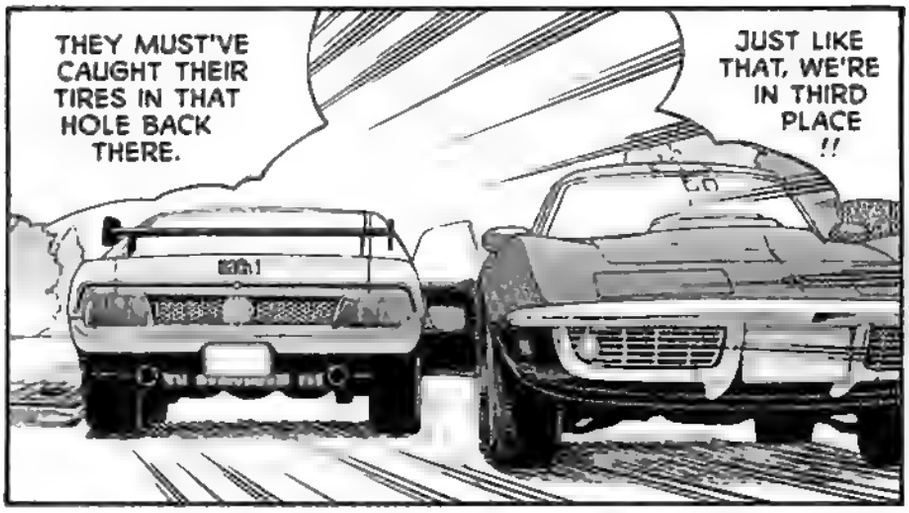
GWAA

ROAR

COOL.
WHAT LUCK!
WOO HOO !!


AND THE OTHER MUSTANG AND ROAD BUSTER'S CORVETTE HAVE STOPPED!
IT LOOKS LIKE THAT MUSTANG CRASHED!


THEY MUST'VE CAUGHT THEIR TIRES IN THAT HOLE BACK THERE.
JUST LIKE THAT, WE'RE IN THIRD PLACE !!

OH MY.

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HEY!
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KACHI
!!

BANG
BANG
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BANG
BANG
BANG
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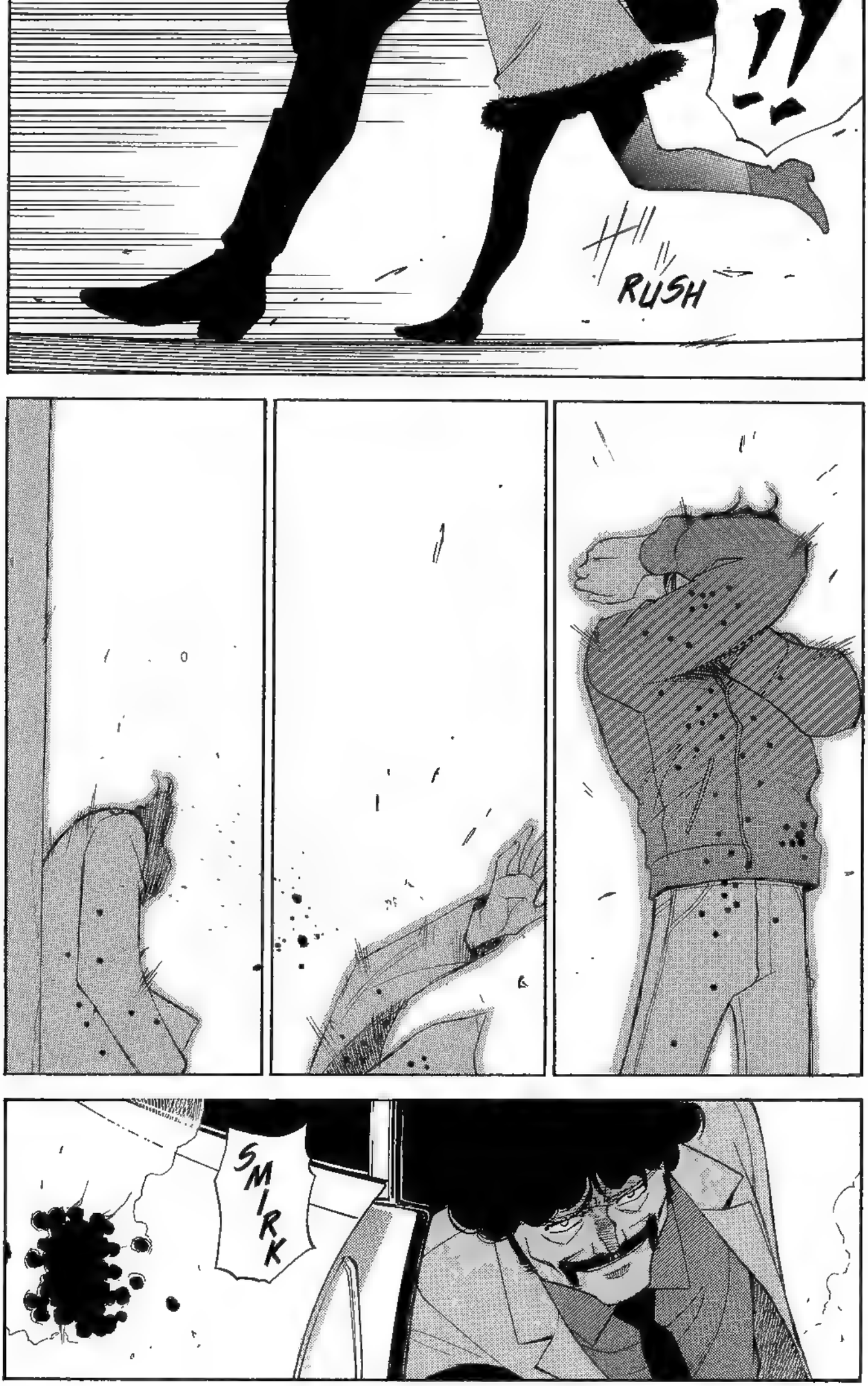
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RUSH
SMIRK

CHAPTER 25/END

CHAPTER 26 STALLED!

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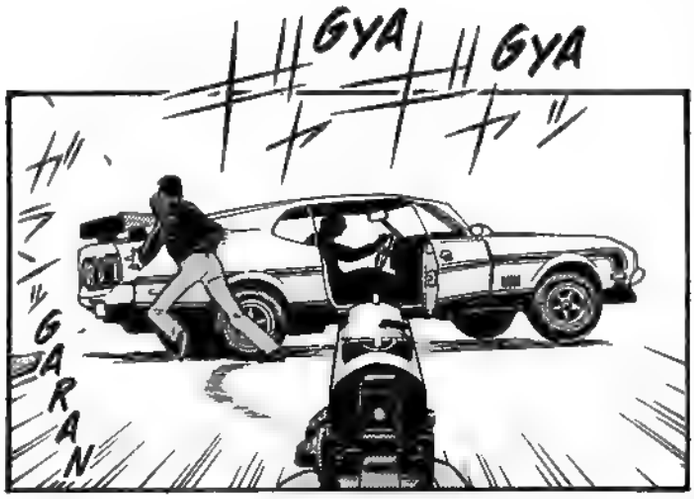
GOKU

CLANK
SLAM
mach1
WHAT--?!
ZA
GARI GARI
SHIT!
KYU KYU KYU KYU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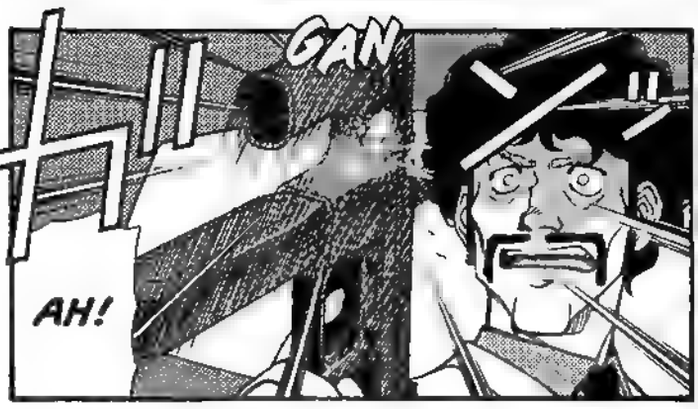
GYA
GARAN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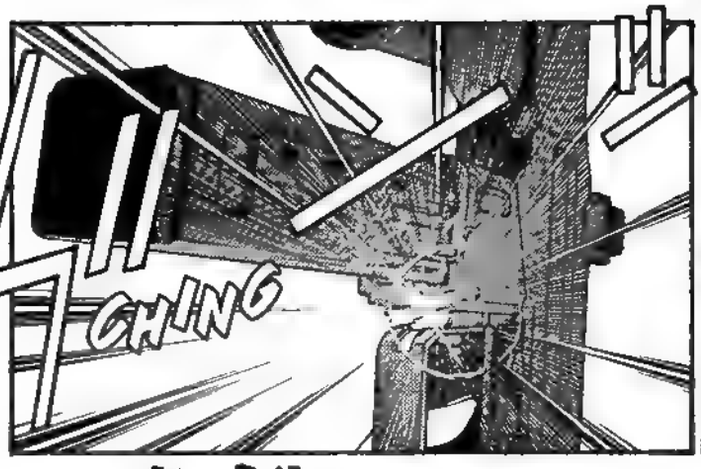
CHLING

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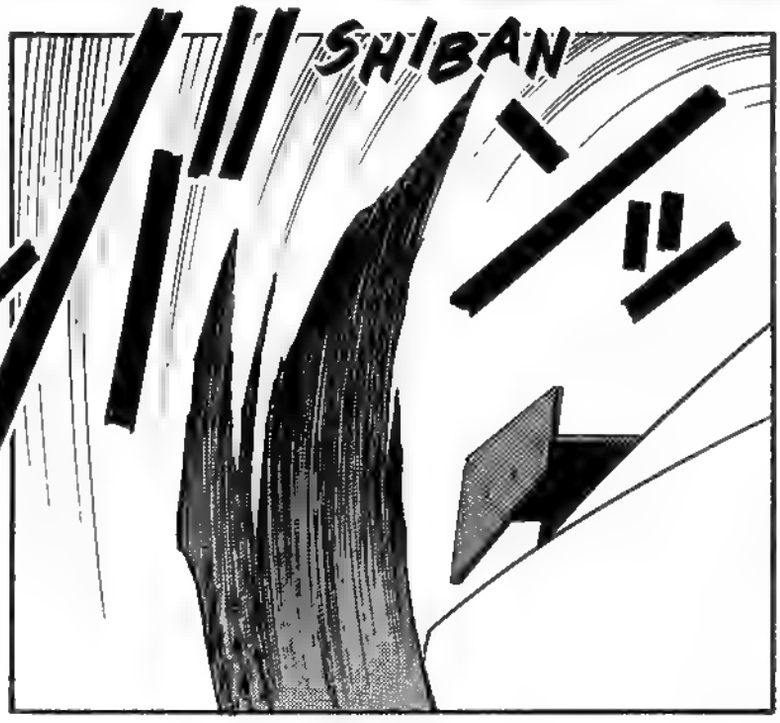
KYU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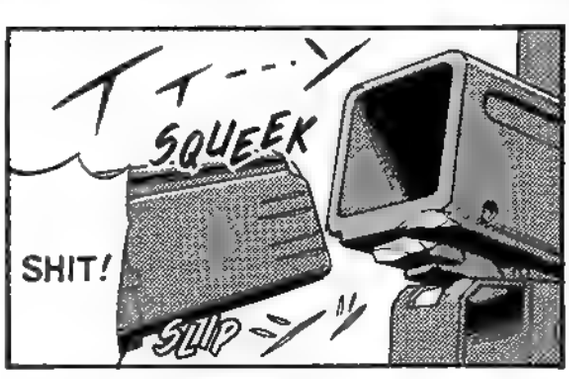
SQUEEK
SHIT!
SLIP

YES SIR!
DICK! GET ME ANOTHER ONE!

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DA-RA-RA-RA
OH NO!
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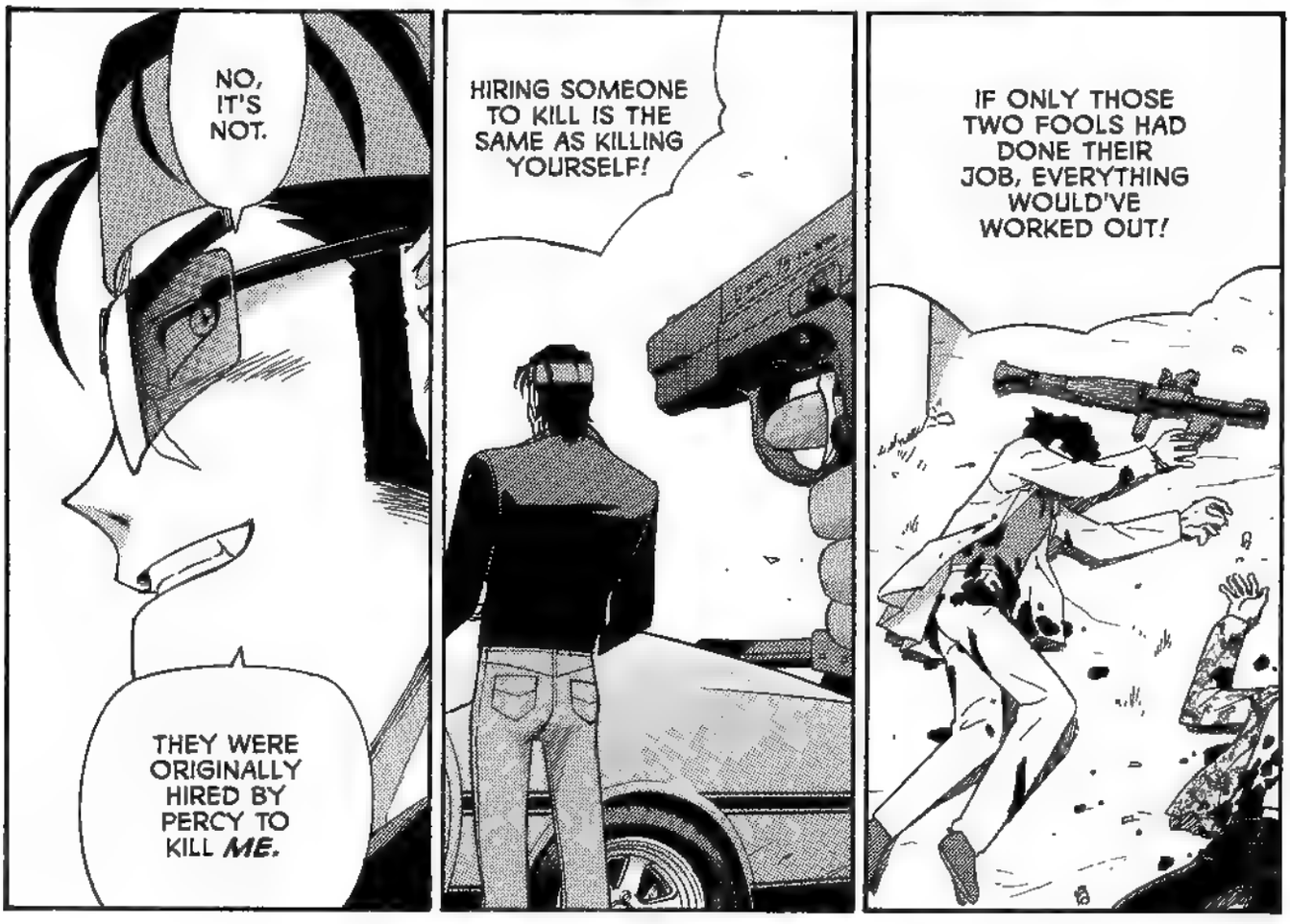
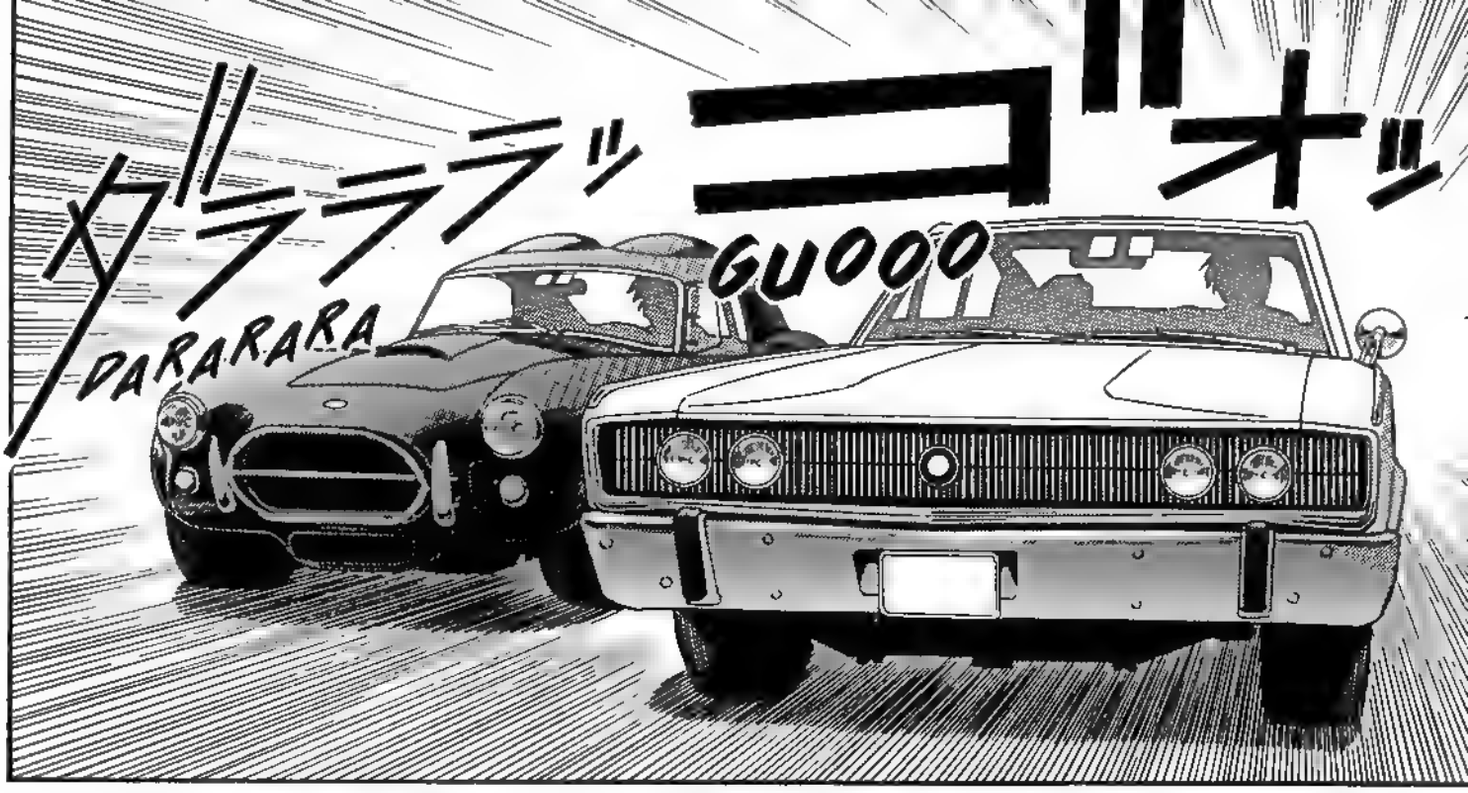
キュキイッ…
KYUK!

THE CAMERA'S CAUGHT TOO MUCH ALREADY.
JUST WHAT I WAS THINK-ING.
HOW ABOUT FORGETTING HIM AND GETTING BACK INTO THE RACE?!
BEAN!

IT WAS NEVER MY PLAN TO BECOME A FUGITIVE COP KILLER!
HE MAY BE A DIRTY COP, BUT THEY'D STILL BRING OUT THE FULL FORCE TO FIND ME.


NO, IT'S NOT.
THEY WERE ORIGINALLY HIRED BY PERCY TO KILL *ME.*
HIRING SOMEONE TO KILL IS THE SAME AS KILLING YOURSELF!
IF ONLY THOSE TWO FOOLS HAD DONE THEIR JOB, EVERYTHING WOULD'VE WORKED OUT!

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN GREAT TO WATCH THE POLICE LOSE FACE OVER THAT ONE.
IF THEY'D KILLED YOU LIKE I HOPED, THE INVESTIGATION WOULD HAVE FOUND THAT THE DIRTY COP WAS KILLED BY THE SAME HITMEN HE HIRED.
EVEN TAKING DOWN A HELICOPTER AND GETTING INNOCENT PEOPLE INVOLVED.
IT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT?
YOU ALSO GOT THEM THE ROCKET LAUNCHER.
REMEMBER, YOU'RE WELL WITHIN KNIFE RANGE.
DON'T THINK YOU CAN RELAX NOW THAT THEY'VE BEEN KILLED.
DON'T TEST ME. I'D RATHER BE A COP KILLER THAN BE KILLED MYSELF.
YOU WITH THE GLASSES... THROW ALL OF YOUR WEAPONS OUT OF THE CAR, INCLUDING THAT ONE YOU'RE HOLDING.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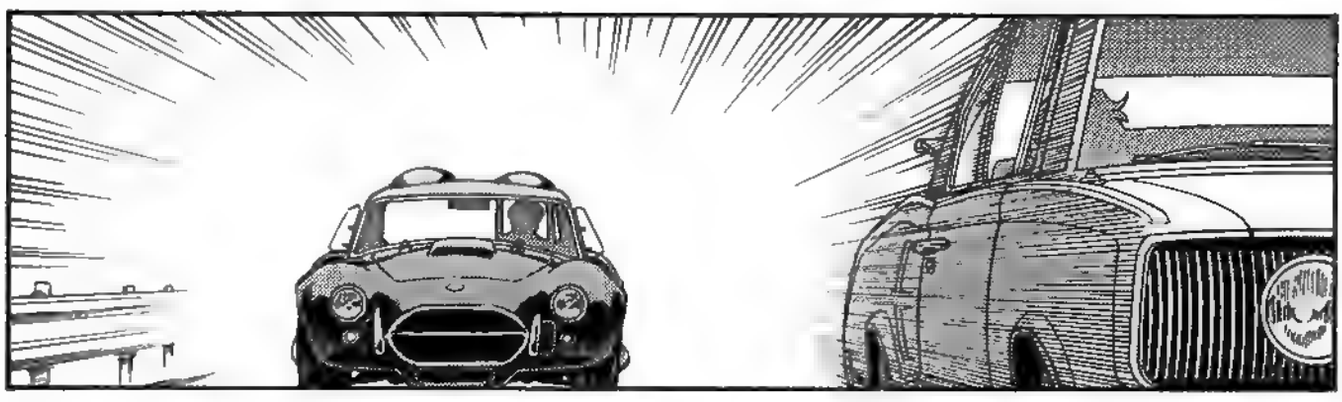
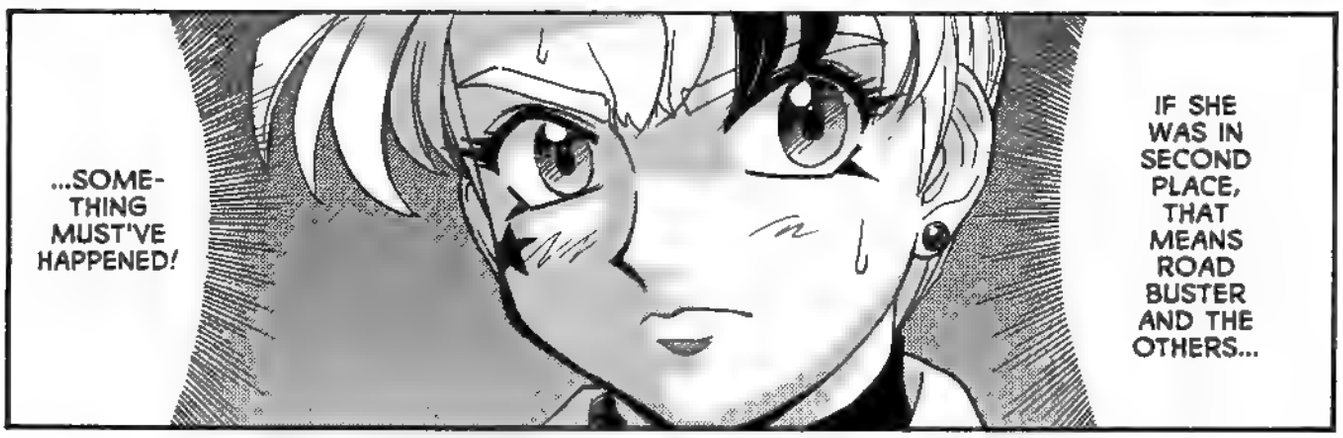
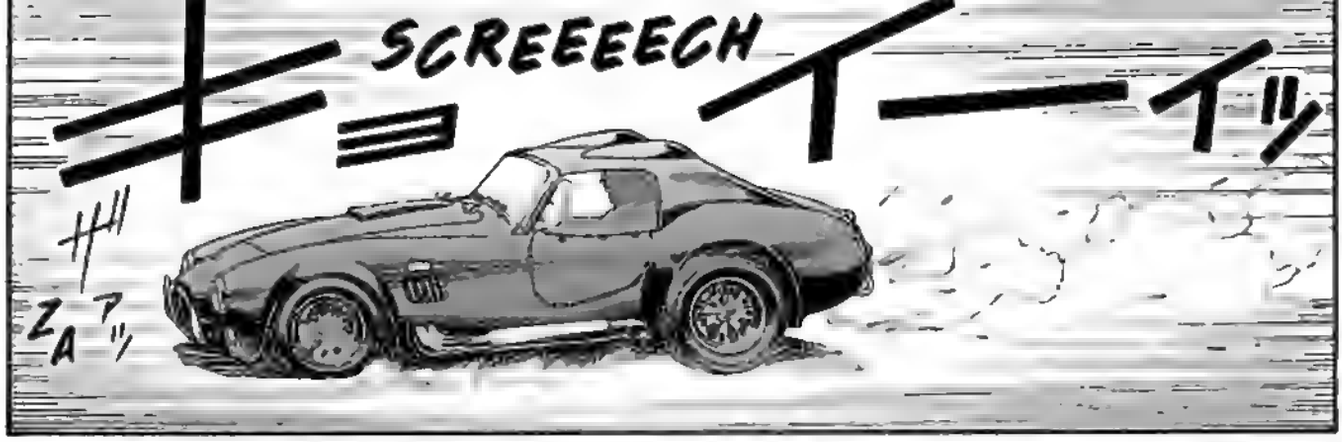
GUOOO

FIRST PLACE! WE'RE IN FIRST PLACE!
WE PASSED SPEED ANGEL!
YES!




...SOMETHING MUST'VE HAPPENED!
IF SHE WAS IN SECOND PLACE, THAT MEANS ROAD BUSTER AND THE OTHERS...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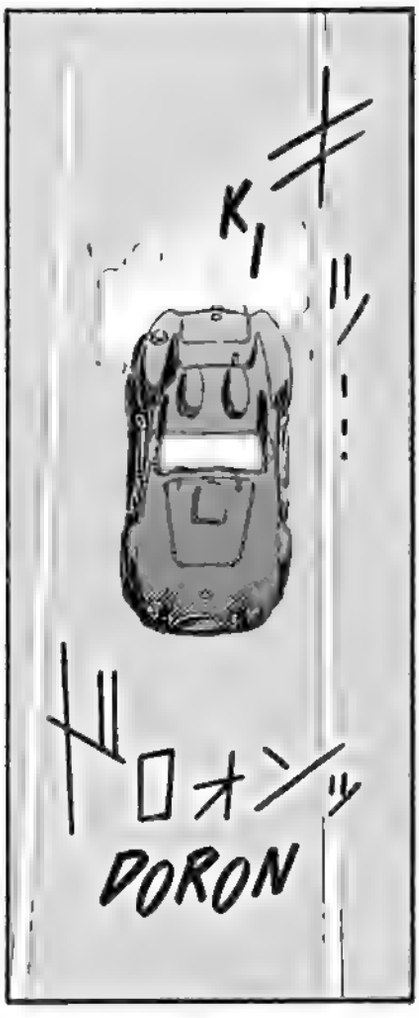
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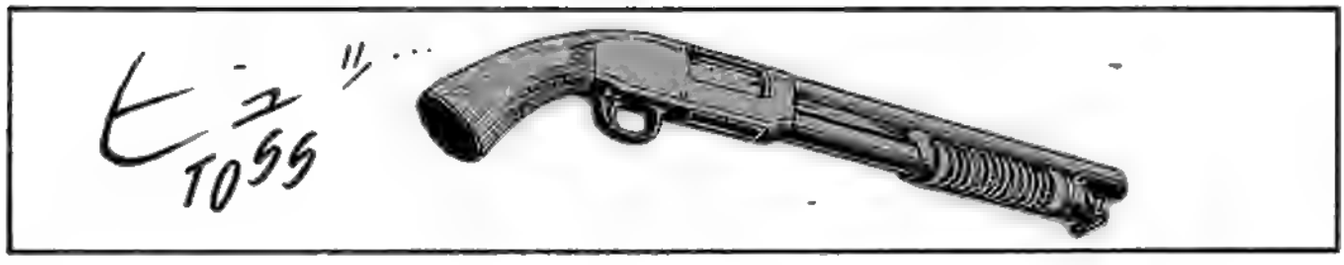
THERE MIGHT BE A PROBLEM WITH THE SIGNAL... OR IT MIGHT BE JAMMED.
SHHH SHHH SQUEAL SHHH SHHH
THE BROAD-CAST'S GONE TO STATIC.

THAT WOULD MAKE SENSE AFTER THEY FIRED THAT ROCKET LAUNCHER, BUT IT WOULD BE UNCHARAC-TERISTICALLY FAST.
MAYBE THE COPS SHOWED UP IN FORCE.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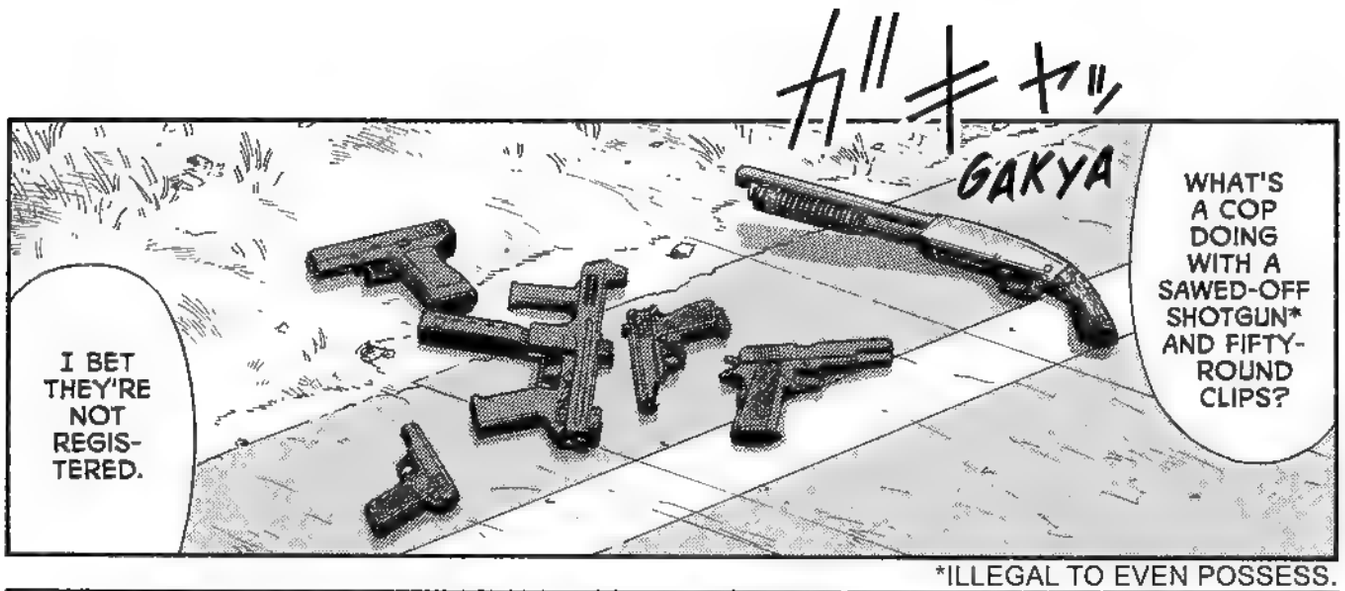

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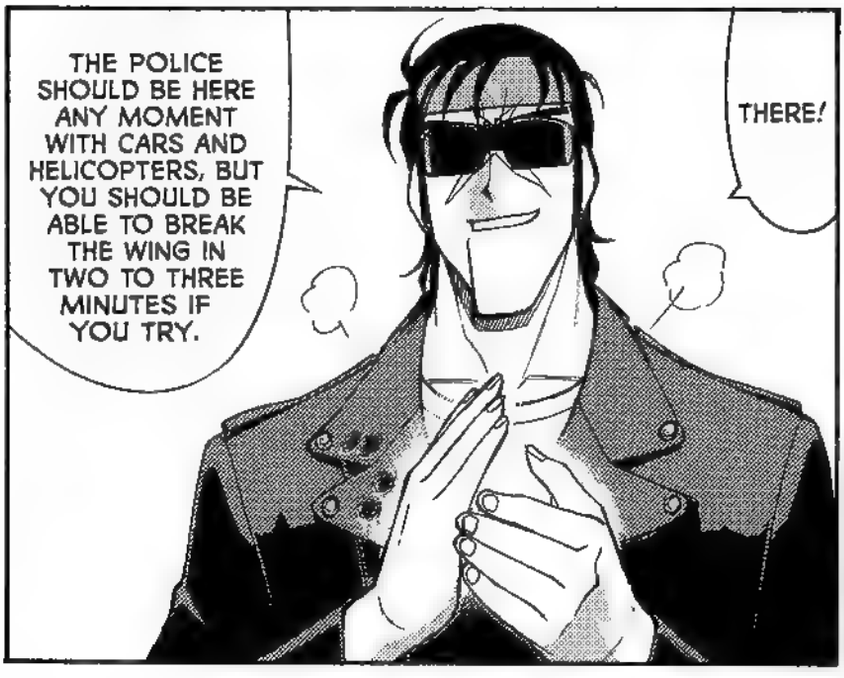
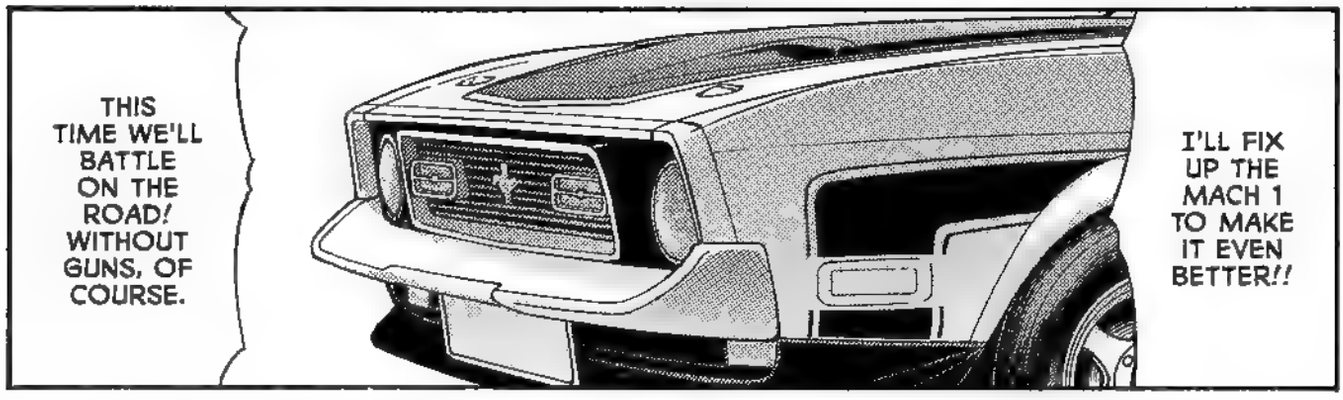
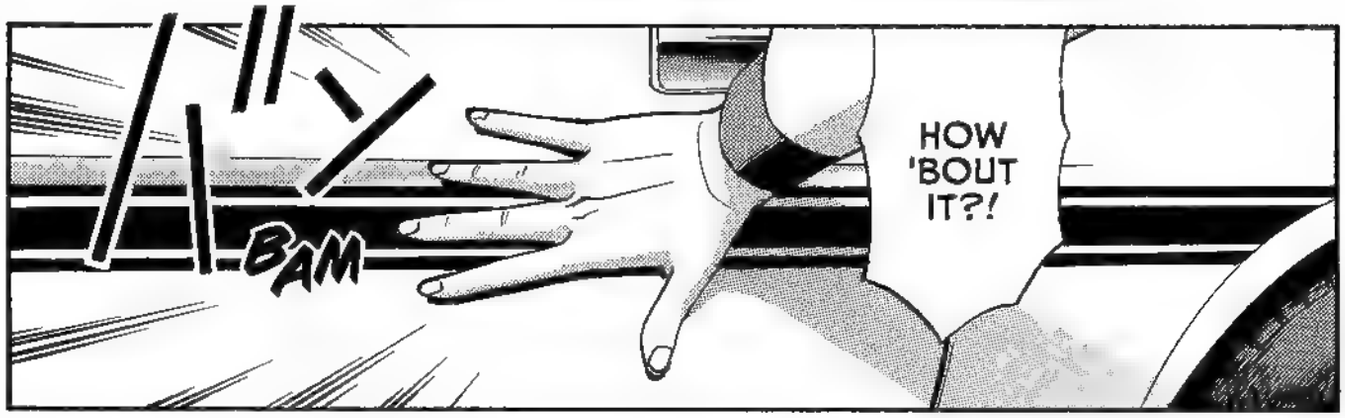

THE POLICE SHOULD BE HERE ANY MOMENT WITH CARS AND HELICOPTERS, BUT YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO BREAK THE WING IN TWO TO THREE MINUTES IF YOU TRY.
THERE!

I WON'T KILL HIM TODAY!
...
...
...
...
YOU STILL HERE?!
GO HOME! THE RACE'S BEEN CANCELLED!
LET'S GET GOING!
BEAN! WE'RE DONE HERE!
...WHAT THIS IS REALLY ABOUT!
I KNOW...
ROAD BUSTER!!
HMPH.
B/P
YOUR HIDDEN ACCOUNTS ARE AMONG THE ONES ON THE LIST I OBTAINED!
IT'S MON-EY!!

I HAVE MY JOB. YOU HAVE YOUR MONEY! WE BOTH GET WHAT WE WANT!
AND WE CAN RACE AGAIN LATER!
LET'S MAKE A DEAL! KEEP ME OFF THOSE TWO BODIES OUT OF HERE!
I WON'T REVEAL YOUR ACCOUNTS UNTIL YOU GET THE MONEY OUT AND GIVE THE GO AHEAD!

YOU'VE GOT A GREAT ORIGINAL CAR!
I WANT TO RACE YOU ONE ON ONE WITHOUT ANY INTER-FERENCE FROM OTHERS!


THIS TIME WE'LL BATTLE ON THE ROAD! WITHOUT GUNS, OF COURSE.
I'LL FIX UP THE MACH 1 TO MAKE IT EVEN BETTER!!


BAM
HOW 'BOUT IT?!

GRIN
...
...

ROAD BUSTER, TAKE IT, TAKE IT, TAKE IT!
WOW!!
LET'S GET RID OF THE BODIES!
OKAY!
Good!
WE MADE IT!
キィ
SCREECH
CHECKPOINT TWO.
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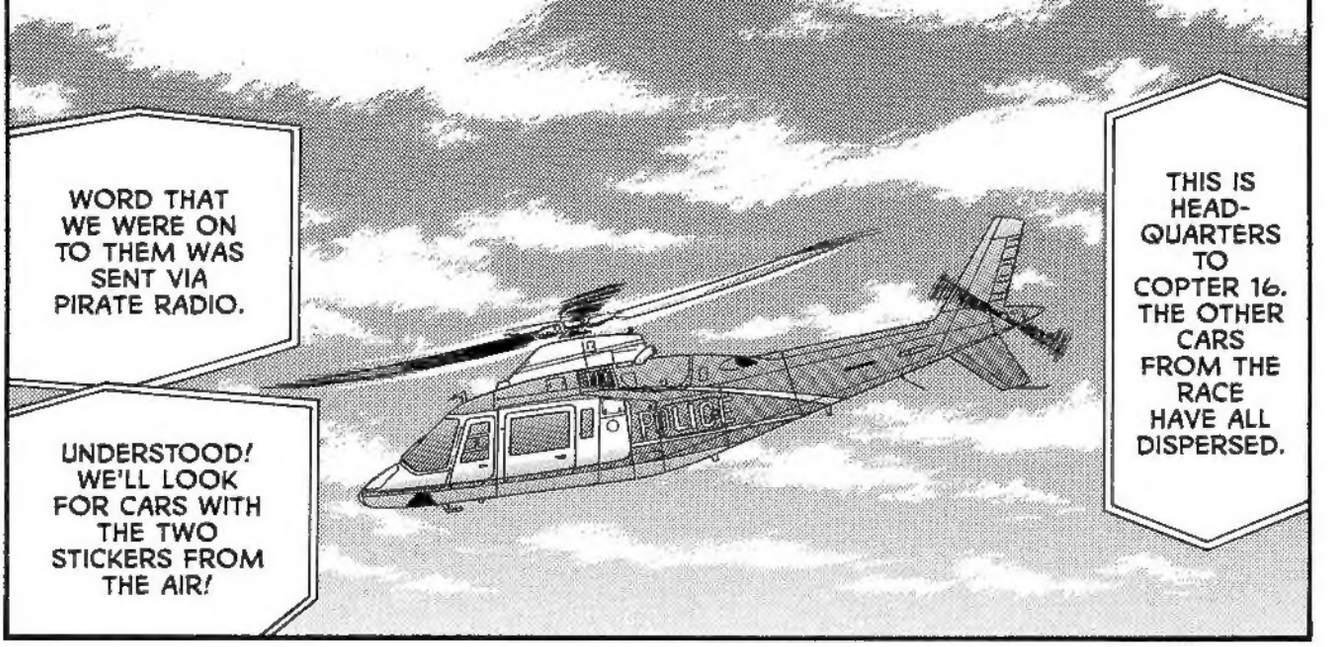
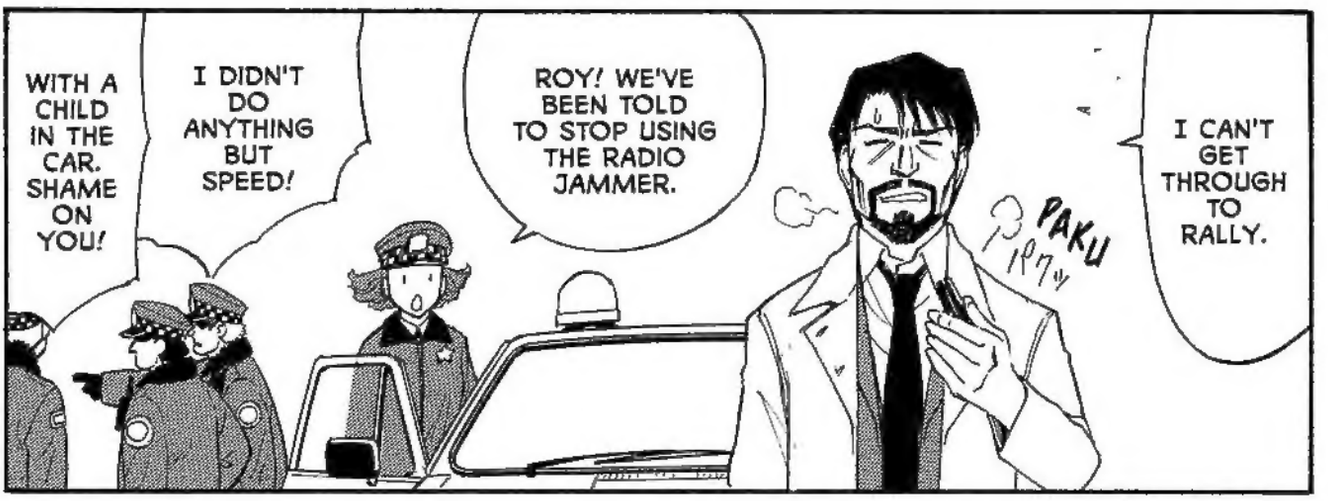
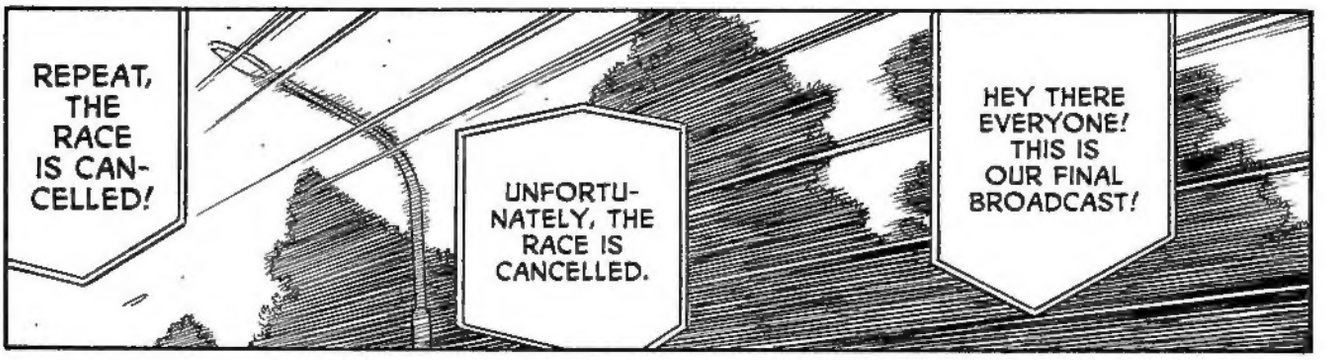
WOO
CHICAGO POLICE
ZRCH
WE'RE HERE! IN FIRST PLACE! I NEED THE THIRD STICKER!
HUH?
DON'T MOVE!
SLAM!
BATA BATA
THERE'S A REPORT OF A HELICOPTER DOWN IN THE NORTHWEST. GO INVESTIGATE.
YES SIR!
BATA BATA BATA BATA BATA BATA BATA BATA BA
JUST ONE CAR?
WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANY OTHER INFO FROM THE HELI-COPTER.


THIS IS HEAD-QUARTERS TO COPTER 16. THE OTHER CARS FROM THE RACE HAVE ALL DISPERSED.
WORD THAT WE WERE ON TO THEM WAS SENT VIA PIRATE RADIO.
UNDERSTOOD! WE'LL LOOK FOR CARS WITH THE TWO STICKERS FROM THE AIR!
POLICE


I CAN'T GET THROUGH TO RALLY.
ROY! WE'VE BEEN TOLD TO STOP USING THE RADIO JAMMER.
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING BUT SPEED!
WITH A CHILD IN THE CAR. SHAME ON YOU!
PAKU



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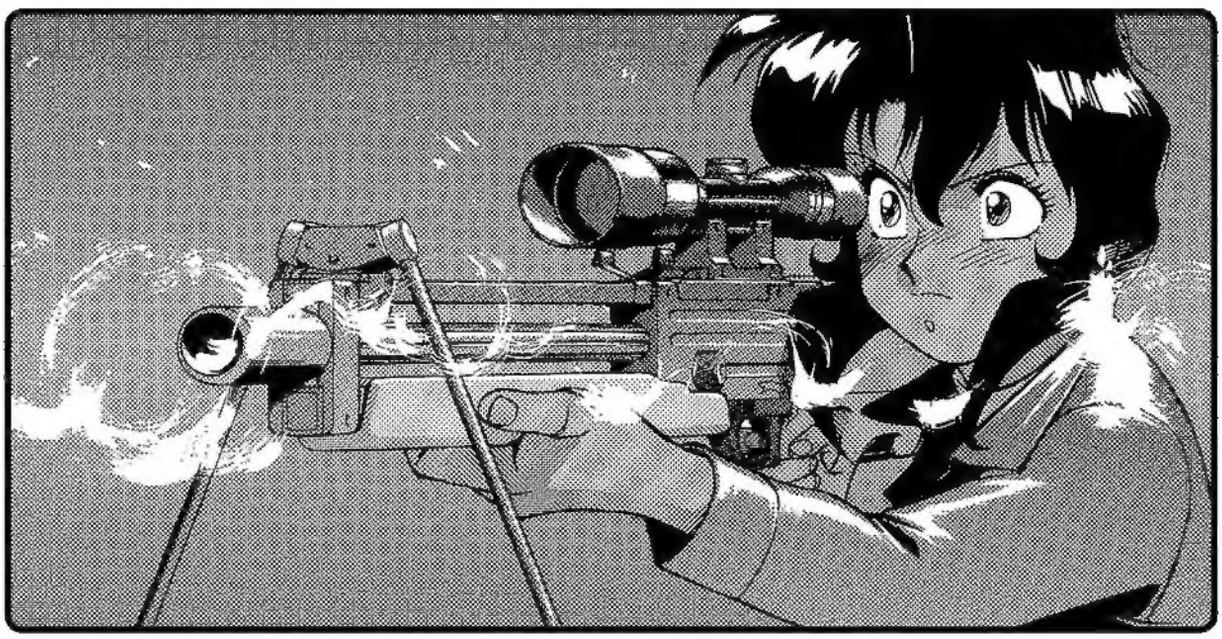
BULLET TRIVIA—EIGHTH SHOT—MAGNUMS HAVE POWER, BUT . . .

. . . I bet those of you who play video games, read manga, or watch TV or movies think that a .44 magnum and a .357 magnum are more powerful than a rifle.

But you'd be wrong! .44 magnums are weaker than even small caliber rifles.

Most rounds for handguns are larger than those of rifles, but since the shape of rifle cartridges allows them to hold more gunpowder, even at smaller calibers they have a speed that's twice as fast and they're much more powerful. In terms of the energy, a combat .357 magnum like that used by Python or Daisuke Jigen produces about 600–800 joules. Dirty Harry's .44 magnum has 1000-1500 joules. The most powerful automatic, the 50ae, produces 1600–1700 joules. For rifles, though, 7.62x51 bullets used by earlier generation rifles produced 3000–3300 joules. The most powerful cartridge for a rifle, the 460 Weatherby, can produce up to 8000 joules!

A handgun may seem like the best choice, but a rifle is a better if you're looking for power—even though it may not be as manly.



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BULLET TRIVIA—NINTH SHOT—BLANKS

Many movies have scenes where someone is shot only to reveal later that the bullets were actually blanks and the whole thing was staged to fool others. In fact, though, if you put blanks in an automatic, you'll never get to the second shot.

No matter which automatic system is used, the gas from the blank will completely exit the barrel, meaning that not enough gas pressure remains inside to set up the next action. This can be fixed by extending the barrel, cutting screw guides, and attaching a silencer, which will provide enough resistance to retain some of the gas and allow the next shot.

If you want to fool those around you by replacing your bullets with blanks, it may be best to use a revolver.

This problem can also be solved by using plastic bullets like those used in training, but these still pack enough power to kill, making them more difficult to handle.